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HUNTSVILLE, ALA., THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1871.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met, according to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Alabama, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, on 2 Tim. i. 13, and Titus i. 9: "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

After the close of public worship, the General Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Permanent Clerk reported that the following Commissioners had appeared and been regularly enrolled:

I.—SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

PRESBYTERIES.

1. *East Alabama,*
2. *South Alabama,*
3. *Tuskaloosa,*

MINISTERS.

- G. L. Petrie,
J. R. Burgett, D. D., (2)
C. M. Hutton,

RULING ELDERS.

- Edwin Fay.
A. B. Cooper.
H. M. Somerville.

II.—SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

4. *Arkansas,*
5. *Indian,*
6. *Ouachita,*

- W. A. Sample,
E. McNair, (2)

- W. S. Whitley. (2)
Wm. H. Crawford.

III.—SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

7. *Atlanta,*
8. *Augusta,*
9. *Cherokee,*
10. *Florida,*
11. *Macon,*
12. *Savannah,*

- John S. Wilson, D. D.,
Jos. R. Wilson, D. D.,
John W. Baker,
A. Baker,
David Wills, D. D.
J. H. Alexander,

- W. P. Inman.
W. L. Mitchell.
R. C. Word.
T. M. Palmer.
S. E. Myddelton.

IV.—SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

13. *Central Ohio,*
14. *Ebenezer,*
15. *Louisville,*

- Alexander M. Cowan,
J. D. McClintock,
Gilbert Gordon,
W. W. Hill, D. D.,
Wm. D. Morton.
J. T. Hendrick, D. D.
W. F. Junkin. (2)
F. G. Strahan,

- S. W. McKibben.
A. Davidson,
J. H. Huber.
J. B. Kenney.

*The figures appended to the names indicate on what day of the sessions the commissioners first appeared.

V.—SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

20. <i>Chickasaw,</i>	E. O. Frierson,	R. M. Patton.
21. <i>Memphis,</i>	S. B. O. Wilson,	C. Lynn.
22. <i>North Mississippi,</i>	E. Cater.	
23. <i>Western District,</i>	M. M. Marshall, D. D.,	C. F. Reed. (3)

VI.—SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

24. <i>Central Mississippi,</i>	R. McInnis,	G. T. Swann.
25. <i>Louisiana,</i>	R. S. McAllister,	A. M. Smylie.
26. <i>Mississippi,</i>	Wiley Burgess,	A. F. Andre.
27. <i>New Orleans,</i>	R. Q. Mallard,	W. A. Bartlett.
28. <i>Red River,</i>	J. T. Davidson,	Jos. H. Stroud. (2)
29. <i>Tombeckbee,</i>	J. N. Carothers,	R. F. Houston.

VII.—SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

30. <i>Holston,</i>	J. W. Bachman,	S. B. McAdams.
31. <i>Knoxville,</i>	Thos. H. McCallic,	R. M. Hook. (2)
32. <i>Nashville,</i>	J. H. Bryson,	C. N. Ordway.
33. <i>North Alabama,</i>	J. M. P. Otts,	J. Gillespie.

VIII.—SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

34. <i>Concord,</i>	J. Rumble,	J. K. Graham.
35. <i>Fayetteville,</i>	Andrew McMillan,	Thos. J. Morisey.
36. <i>Mecklenburg,</i>	A. W. Miller, D. D.,	H. Conner Reid.
37. <i>Orange,</i>	S. A. Stanfield,	Wm. L. Stamps.
38. <i>Wilmington,</i>	L. McKinnon,	John McLaurin.

IX.—SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

39. <i>Bethel,</i>	J. S. Bailey,	S. Alexander.
40. <i>Charleston,</i>	Chas. S. Vedder,	Joseph A. Enslow.
41. <i>Harmony,</i>	Wm. S. Plumer, D. D.,	T. B. Fraser.
42. <i>South Carolina,</i>	Thos. H. Law,	F. J. Anderson,
	W. P. Jacobs,	S. Johnstone.

X.—SYNOD OF TEXAS.

43. <i>Brazos,</i>	Wm. A. Shaw,	W. C. Dodson.
44. <i>Central Texas,</i>	A. A. Porter, D. D.,	E. H. Carter.
45. <i>Eastern Texas,</i>	S. F. Tenney,	A. M. Goodman. (2)
46. <i>Western Texas,</i>	J. M. Connelly,	James N. Smith.

XI.—SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

47. <i>Abingdon,</i>	Isaac N. Naff.	R. E. Grant.
48. <i>Chesapeake,</i>	R. T. Berry,	H. C. Kirk,
	A. D. Pollock,	L. J. Rothrock.
49. <i>East Hanover,</i>	T. Pryor, D. D.,	Wm. H. Tappey.
50. <i>Greenbrier,</i>	R. R. Houston,	James Withrow.
51. <i>Lexington,</i>	J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.,	James W. Crawford,
	Samuel J. Baird, D. D.,	J. S. Wallace.
52. <i>Montgomery,</i>	Wm. F. Wilhelm,	J. N. Gordon.
53. <i>Roanoke,</i>	Thos. E. Peck, D. D.,	Wm. W. Carrington.
54. <i>West Hanover,</i>	R. L. Dabney, D. D.,	Philip P. Barbour.
55. <i>Winchester,</i>	John Johnston,	James Carr Baker. (2)

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of officers, when the Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., of the Presbytery of Harmony, was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. J. W. Bachman, of the Presbytery of Holston, was chosen Temporary Clerk.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 19—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Strahan.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following additional commissioners were duly enrolled: Rev. J. R. Burgett, D. D., of the Presbytery of South Alabama; Rev. E. McNair, of the Presbytery of Ouachita; Rev. Wm. F. Junkin, of the Presbytery of Transylvania; Joseph H. Stroud, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Red River; A. M. Goodman, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas; James Carr Baker, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Winchester; W. S. Whitley, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Arkansas.

It was made the order of the day at 10 o'clock this morning, to hear the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation; and the second order to hear the report of the Convention on the subject of Education, and held in this place under the appointment of the last General Assembly.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the Moderator :

On Bills and Overtures—R. L. Dabney, D. D., Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Gilbert Gordon, W. A. Sample, M. M. Marshall, D. D., T. H. McCallie, J. Rumple, G. T. Swann, A. B. Cooper, Joseph A. Enslow, W. C. Dodson, L. J. Rothrock.

Judicial Committee—W. W. Hill, D. D., S. J. Baird, D. D., G. L. Petrie, John W. Baker, Thos. H. Law, James Withrow, H. C. Reid, W. P. Inman, T. M. Palmer, W. L. Mitchell.

On Theological Seminaries—J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., J. S. Bailey, J. N. Carothers, A. Baker, R. T. Berry, E. O. Frierson, S. E. Myddelton, H. M. Somerville, W. A. Bartlett.

On Sustentation—A. A. Porter, D. D., Thos. E. Peck, D. D., J. R. Burgett, D. D., S. B. O. Wilson, L. McKinnon, C. M. Hutton, W. W. Carrington, T. B. Fraser, J. Gillespie, R. C. Word, Edwin Fay, A. M. Goodman.

On Foreign Missions—J. T. Hendrick, D. D., R. R. Houston, S. A. Stanfield, W. P. Jacobs, R. S. McAllister, A. M. Smylie, S. Johnstone, J. B. Kenney, W. H. Crawford.

On Publication—R. McInnis, A. D. Pollock, J. H. Alexauder, J. M. Connelly, W. F. Wilhelm, F. L. Anderson, W. L. Stamps, R. E. Grant, S. B. McAdams.

On Education—T. Pryor, D. D., David Wills, D. D., A. M. Cowan, R. Q. Mallard, J. W. Bachman, J. K. Graham, E. H. Carter, P. P. Barbour, S. W. McKibben.

On Evangelistic Labor—A. W. Miller, D. D., John Johnston, S. F. Tenney, Wiley Burgess, A. F. Andre, T. J. Morisey, S. Alexander.

On Systematic Benevolence—J. M. P. Otts, Edwin Cater, Wm. D. Morton, J. T. Davidson, R. F. Houston, James N. Smith, John McLaurin.

On Foreign Correspondence—John S. Wilson, D. D., Andrew McMillan, Wm. A. Shaw, Isaac N. Naff, H. C. Kirk, W. H. Tappey, J. N. Gordon.

On the Narrative—C. S. Vedder, J. D. McClintock, J. S. Wallace.

On Sabbath-Schools—J. H. Bryson, R. T. Berry, S. J. Baird, D. D., J. W. Crawford, G. T. Swann.

On Leave of Absence—F. G. Strahan, T. H. Law, C. N. Ordway.

On Devotional Exercises—Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., John W. Baker, W. P. Inman.

Auditing Committee—R. M. Patton, A. Davidson, J. H. Huber.

Synodical records were called for and referred to the appropriate committees:

ON SYNODICAL RECORDS.

Alabama—W. A. Sample, W. H. Crawford.

Arkansas—C. M. Hutton, H. M. Somerville.

Kentucky—A. Baker, T. M. Palmer.

Georgia—Gilbert Gordon, A. Davidson.

Memphis—R. S. McAllister, A. M. Smylie.

Mississippi—E. O. Frierson, R. M. Patton.

Nashville—L. McKinnon, H. C. Reid.

North Carolina—Thos. H. McCallie, C. N. Ordway.

South Carolina—S. F. Tenney, W. C. Dodson.

Texas—W. P. Jacobs, S. Johnstone.

Virginia—J. H. Bryson, J. A. Enslow.

Certain overtures from the Presbytery of North Mississippi were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Assembly then proceeded to fix the place of meeting for the next Assembly, whereupon the Grace Street Presbyterian church, in the city of Richmond, Virginia, was chosen.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Sustentation was read by the Secretary, the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

Dr. Wilson also presented a report from the Committee on the Relief Fund, which having been read, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Huber, W. L. Mitchell, H. C. Reid, F. L. Anderson, J. Withrow, T. B. Fraser, J. N. Smith, T. H. McCallie, J. T. Davidson, M. M. Marshall, D. D., W. F. Junkin.

Dr. Wilson also presented a paper in behalf of himself and the Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., Treasurer of Sustentation and Foreign Missions, calling attention to certain charges affecting their official character, and requesting of the Assembly an immediate investigation in relation to the same. This request was granted, and the matters involved were referred for investigation to a Special Committee, consisting of the following persons: R. M. Patton, G. T. Swann, J. A. Enslow, J. R. Burgett, D. D., J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.

A complaint from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg against the Synod of North Carolina, was presented and referred to the Judicial Committee, and various overtures were presented through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Stated Clerk announced that the Rev. John A. Todd, D. D., was present, bearing testimonials of having been duly appointed a Commissioner from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in

America, to this General Assembly: Whereupon it was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock m., to hear Dr. Todd in regard to the mission with which he has been intrusted.

A letter was received from the Rev. D. H. Cummins, presenting a report of his attendance as a delegate from the General Assembly, at the last meeting of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and his cordial reception by that body. This report was received and approved.

A report was received from the Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Form of Government and Book of Discipline. This report was accepted, and the Committee was continued, to prosecute the work assigned to it, and make further report to the next Assembly.

The report of the Executive Committee of Publication was now read by the Secretary, Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., which, together with the Records of the Committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The hour for the second order of the day having arrived, the Assembly granted leave to the Rev. Dr. J. N. Waddel, the President of the Convention on Education, to present and read the report adopted by that body. This report was received and referred to a committee, to consist of one member from each Synod, viz.: D. Wills, D. D., R. T. Berry, G. Gordon, W. Burgess, L. McKinnon, H. M. Somerville, C. Lynn, W. A. Bartlett, R. M. Hook, S. Johnstone, and W. C. Dodson.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow to hear the report of this Committee.

Upon motion, it was resolved, that the Assembly shall meet daily at 9 o'clock a. m., and that the first half hour shall be spent in devotional exercises, and that the hour of adjournment shall be at 2 o'clock p. m.

The reports of the Rev. Dr. Woodrow, Treasurer of Sustentation and of Foreign Missions, were presented and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The annual reports from the Theological Seminary at Columbia, and Union Theological Seminary, were read and referred to the appropriate Standing Committee.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, and was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

The subject of making some provision for the family of the Rev. E. B. Inslee, one of our foreign missionaries, who has lately deceased, was presented by Dr. J. L. Wilson, and was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. R. McInnis, Wm. Bartlett, W. H. Tappey, R. S. McAllister, and A. M. Smylie.

The condition of our missionaries in China, as probably exposed to peculiar danger at present, was brought to the attention of the Assembly; and, upon request, the Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., led the Assembly in special prayer for their protection and welfare.

An overture from the Presbytery of Montgomery to the last General Assembly, and referred by it to this Assembly, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Assembly adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Hendrick.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 20—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and spent a half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. J. N. Waddel, D. D.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Mr. C. F. Reed, ruling elder from the Presbytery of the Western District, was reported, and enrolled as an additional Commissioner.

It having been announced by the Stated Clerk that the Rev. J. L. Yantis, D. D., was present as one of the delegates appointed by the Synod of Missouri to this Assembly, it was made the order of the day to hear his address immediately after the reception of the delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church.

The Judicial Committee presented, as in order, a complaint of A. W. Miller, D. D., John Douglas, and others, against certain action of the Synod of North Carolina, which report was received and placed on the docket.

On report of the Committee to examine the records of the Synod of Memphis, they were approved as far as written.

Rev. E. Cater offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the reports of the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Executive Committees of Education, of Foreign Missions, of Publication, and of Sustentation, be printed and laid before the Assembly, so that time be allowed each member of the Assembly to examine the same before he is called upon to vote, in order that he may know what he endorses by his vote.

This resolution was rejected.

The following report was presented :

“The undersigned members of the Committee of Nine, appointed by the last Assembly to confer with a corresponding committee appointed by the Northern General Assembly, would respectfully report, that in consequence of the dissolution of the Committee of the Northern Assembly immediately afterwards, this committee has never been convened.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON,
JOSEPH R. WILSON,
WILLIAM BROWN.

The report was approved, and the committee was discharged.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the report of the Committee on the Memorial of the Convention on Education was presented, and was discussed until the hour of 12, when the Rev. John A. Todd, D. D., addressed the Assembly, bearing the Christian salutations of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. To this address the Moderator made an appropriate response.

The Rev. J. L. Yantis, D. D., one of the delegates from the

Synod of Missouri, next addressed the Assembly. To this address the Moderator suitably responded.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the discussion on the report of the Committee on the Memorial on Education was continued until the hour of adjournment.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises having announced appointments for the Sabbath, the Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Stillman of Alabama.

MONDAY MORNING, May 22—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with the usual devotional exercises continued for half an hour, and conducted by Rev. A. D. Pollock. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

A request was received from the Convention on the subject of Education, asking the Assembly to recommit the report on that subject to the Special Committee appointed, with a view to conference with a committee appointed by the Convention. This request was granted; and it was made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning, to consider the report from that committee.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries presented a report, which was adopted. This report is as follows:

The Committee on Theological Seminaries report that from the Seminary at Columbia have been placed in our hands: The Annual Report of the Board of Directors and the Annual Report of the Faculty, both rendered to the General Assembly; the Annual Report of the Treasurer, consisting of a detailed exhibit of the receipts and expenditures for the year, and a synopsis of the same; and the Records of the Board of Directors and the Records of the Faculty, both in the books in which the Minutes of the two bodies were entered from time to time.

From Union Seminary the Committee have received the Annual Report of the Trustees, who are also the Directors, prepared for the General Assembly, and a copy of the Catalogue of the Seminary for the session just closed.

As the above Annual Reports have been read to the General Assembly, and will, as it is presumed and is hereby recommended, be published in the Minutes of the present meeting, it is deemed unnecessary to recite the particulars of the information they convey to us respecting the condition and prospects of the institutions respectively from which they come. We find in them the most gratifying evidence that our brethren to whom the Church has intrusted the responsible function of training her future ministers for their sacred work, continue to prove themselves worthy, in every respect, of the confidence reposed in them. It is believed that at no period in the history of our Church have our candidates enjoyed advantages superior to those which are now offered to them, and that in no part of the Church general, either in our own country or in foreign lands, can they find facilities for prosecuting a theological education more favorable than those supplied by our own Seminaries. For this, as well as for the increase of students which both Seminaries report, for the pecuniary benefactions they have received from churches and individuals, by which expenses have been defrayed, libraries enlarged, and buildings improved, and other equally decisive tokens of the divine favor toward them, the General Assembly and the whole Church should render special and devout thanksgiving to our gracious Redeemer and Lord.

The report from Union Seminary calls for no action from the Assembly beyond the general commendations implied in the foregoing remarks.

In respect to the Columbia Seminary, it is recommended :

1. That the General Assembly express its great pleasure in learning that the Directors find grounds for believing that the time has arrived when they may, with a good prospect of success, institute measures for completing the permanent endowment of the Seminary, and that they have already taken the preliminary steps toward that object. If the brethren having this enterprise in immediate charge needed any word of encouragement from the Assembly, or if our churches and people needed the testimony of the Assembly to its great and urgent importance, both would be given in the strongest terms.

2. That the synopsis of the Treasurer's Report above mentioned be inserted in the appendix to the Minutes of this Assembly—it appearing from the Records of the Board of Directors that this paper, as well as the more extended accounts of that officer, has been duly examined and approved by the Auditing Committee of the Board.

3. That for the ensuing year Henry Muller, Esq., of Columbia, be appointed Treasurer, and the following persons Directors : Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. Donald McQueen, Rev. E. M. Green, Rev. J. O. Lindsay, James W. Bones, Esq., Hon. J. J. Gresham, Hon. James Hemphill, Samuel Barnett, Esq., and Samuel E. Wilson, Esq.

4. That the Assembly proceed during its present sessions to inaugurate the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., as Professor of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and of Sacred Rhetoric, to which chair in the Seminary he was elected by the last General Assembly, and of which he has been discharging the duties since the opening of the session last autumn ; and, further, that the inaugural services be held on Tuesday next, commencing at 8 o'clock p. m., in the presence of the General Assembly ; that the Moderator of the Assembly preside, direct the devotional exercises, and receive the subscription of the Professor to the Constitution of the Seminary, according to the form prescribed ; that the Rev. Thomas E. Peck, D. D., deliver, on behalf of the Assembly, a charge to the Professor ; and that the Professor deliver an address such as he may deem appropriate to the occasion.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. KIRKPATRICK, Chairman.

It was resolved, that, after hearing reports from committees this morning, it shall be the order of the day to hear the report of the Executive Committee of Education.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, in part, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the credentials and communication of the Rev. Dr. John A. Todd, delegate to this General Assembly from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, beg leave to submit for the adoption of the General Assembly, in response thereto, the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly has heard with pleasure the able and fraternal address of the Rev. Dr. John A. Todd, delegate to this body from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and that we extend to him a cordial welcome to our esteem and confidence, and invite him to a seat upon the floor of this Assembly.

2. That we have been gratified to receive and heartily reciprocate the greetings of the venerable Synod, as found in its printed Minutes and communicated to us by its delegate.

3. That we recognise in that branch of the Church of the Lord Jesus, a faithful witness for that truth of God which is set forth alike in the formulas of Heidelberg, Dordrecht, and Westminster ; and we therefore cheerfully respond to the overture of the Synod for the opening of a fraternal correspondence, and the cultivation of a mutual spirit of Christian sympathy and brotherly love.

4. That we hear with pleasure of the probable extension of the evangelical labors of the General Synod among the desolations of the Southern States, and will be happy to extend to them the mutual courtesies of our pulpits, and commend them to the fraternal confidence of our people.

5. That Rev. John H. Bryson, principal, and Rev. Samuel J. Baird, D. D., alternate, are hereby appointed our commissioners to attend the sessions of the General Synod, to be held in the North Church of Albany on the first Wednesday of June, 1871, at 3 o'clock p. m., to convey to that body the fraternal salutations of this General Assembly, and communicate a copy of these resolutions.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was presented, and having been read was adopted; and it was ordered that a public meeting in behalf of this cause shall be held to night, under arrangements to be made by the Committee. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to say that they have carefully examined the Report of the Executive Committee, that of the Treasurer, and the minutes of the regular meetings, and recommend their approval, as clearly evincing the great diligence, fidelity, and energy of the Committee in the discharge of all the duties intrusted to it.

They would also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in the prosperity and success with which he has crowned the labors of our missionaries during the past year.

2. That the providence of God seems clearly to demand of us an effort to raise the sum of fifty thousand dollars to sustain and carry forward our Foreign Missionary operations during the ensuing year.

3. That in order to accomplish this, it be enjoined upon all our Presbyteries to see to it that every church be urged to contribute to this cause the sum of fifty cents for each communicant.

4. That diligent efforts be made by our church sessions to interest the children of all our Sabbath-schools in this great work, as a most effectual means of training them for God and future usefulness.

5. That the monthly concert of prayer, which has fallen into neglect in so many of our churches, be revived, as the most fit and effectual way of imparting missionary intelligence to the people, interesting their sympathies, collecting their offerings, and securing, by united prayer and supplication, the blessing of God upon our missionaries and all our efforts to promote his glory.

6. That the *Missionary* be recommended to all our ministers and churches as containing the latest and best missionary intelligence to be had.

7. That the following named persons be appointed as the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions for the ensuing year, viz.: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Secretary; Rev. Prof. James Woodrow, Treasurer; with Rev. Drs. George Howe, J. B. Adger, Joseph R. Wilson, A. W. Miller, J. L. Girardeau, Rev. D. McQueen, J. A. Ansley, Esq., Gen. F. W. McMaster, and J. A. Enslow, Esq.

8. Your Committee would further recommend that a special meeting be held some evening this week on behalf of Foreign Missions, in this house, that addresses by Dr. Wilson, the Secretary, Rev. Mr. Lane, and other brethren, be delivered, as the best means of imparting fuller information and interesting all our brethren in this great cause.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report, in part, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence have had under consideration

a memorial from East Hanover Presbytery; and, moved by the facts presented in said memorial, and its suggestions and requests, they earnestly recommend to the Assembly that a special pastoral letter, on the great and important subjects and embodying the points in said memorial, be addressed from this Assembly to the synods, presbyteries, and churches under its care, and that the presbyteries be enjoined to require their pastors, stated supplies, and missionaries to read said pastoral letter to their respective congregations.

The Rev. J. M. P. Otts, T. Pryor, D. D., and C. F. Reed, were appointed this committee.

Upon the report of the respective committees the records of the Synods of Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, Arkansas, Nashville, Texas, Alabama, and Georgia, were approved as far as written. The records of the Synod of South Carolina were also approved, it being understood, however, that the Assembly does not express any opinion as to the propriety of the decision of the Synod in pronouncing irregular a meeting of Charleston Presbytery because no ruling elder was present.

The Rev. Dr. Dabney, on behalf of the Committee appointed by the last General Assembly on the subject of "Valid Baptism," made a report, which was put upon the docket.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Education was now read by the Secretary, the Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D. This report together with the records of the Committee, and the accounts of the Treasurer, was referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Sustentation presented a report, which being taken up *seriatim*, the first resolution was adopted, and the remainder was placed on the docket. It was ordered that a public meeting in behalf of this cause shall be held on Wednesday night, under arrangements to be made by the Standing Committee.

The Rev. R. P. Farris, D. D., and ruling elder Edward Bredell, additional delegates from the Synod of Missouri, were introduced, and, having addressed the Assembly, a suitable response was made by the Moderator.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported answer to Overture No. 1, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would respectfully report to the Assembly Overture No. 1, from the Presbytery of Augusta, praying the Assembly to rescind the "Examination Rule" of the Assembly of 1837.

Your Committee recommend the following answer, in the words of the Assembly of 1849:

"That inasmuch as the General Assembly must have power to enjoin upon Presbyteries the performance of any duty which they are confessedly competent to do by the provisions of the Constitution, and in requiring which no right is violated and nothing restrained, but the discretion they (the Presbyteries) had in ordinary circumstances; and inasmuch as the general utility of that resolution is not yet called in question, even by the respected memorialists themselves, therefore the Assembly declines acceding to this request at present."

They reported also answer to Overture No. 2, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would respectfully report Overture No. 2, from four ministers and eighteen ruling elders within the bounds of Wilmington Presbytery, praying the Assembly to take the constitutional steps to amend the Form of Government, chapter x., section iv., in such mode that each of two or more churches united under one pastor shall have representation by a ruling elder, at the same time, in Presbytery or Synod.

The Committee recommend the following answer :

That the Assembly of 1868 did duly propose such an amendment to the Presbyteries, of which only nine made any response ; that the Assembly of 1869 did thereupon urgently request of the Presbyteries a decision concerning the amendment, and yet in 1870 returns were obtained from only *twenty-eight* Presbyteries out of fifty-five. (See Minutes, p. 531.) This Assembly, therefore, presuming that a majority of the Presbyteries are not in favor of the amendment, declines at this time to renew the proposals to them.

Answer to Overture No. 3, was also reported, and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report to the Assembly Overture No. 3, from Nashville Presbytery, praying the Assembly to ordain a general rule requiring all licentiates to spend two years in missionary labors before becoming settled pastors or supplies.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following reply :

The Form of Government, chapter xv., sections i. and ix., gives to any congregation the right to extend their pastoral call to any probationer, "when he shall have preached so much to their satisfaction that the people appear prepared to elect a pastor ;" and authorises the Presbytery having jurisdiction of the case, "if they think it expedient, to present the call to him." While this Assembly highly commends these missionary labors, as means for testing and training the gifts of probationers and spreading the gospel, it does not deem itself competent to take away the above right from the churches, nor the discretion of the Presbyteries in the case.

Upon the request of the Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., leave was granted to withdraw the complaint of himself and others against the Synod of North Carolina.

The Judicial Committee reported that no further business had been brought before them, and asked to be discharged ; which request was granted.

Adjourned to meet at quarter-past 8 o'clock p. m. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Edward Lane.

MONDAY NIGHT, May 22—8½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with singing, and with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Hendrick. Addresses on the subject of Foreign Missions were made by the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Rev. Edward Lane, and Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.; after which a contribution was made by the congregation.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. John A. Todd, D. D., of the Reformed Church in America.

TUESDAY MORNING, May 23—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises continued for half an hour.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following dissent from the action of the Assembly yesterday, on the Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, was presented, and ordered by the Assembly to be admitted to record without answer :

The undersigned respectfully requests that his dissent to the action of the Assembly on the report of the Standing Committee on the official actions of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, and his reasons therefor, be placed upon the Records of the General Assembly.

1. If the Assembly performs the Foreign Missionary work of the Church by the agency of an Executive Committee, then surely the Assembly should know by direct inspection the things done by that Executive Committee, by the examination of the books of said Committee in open Assembly ; but the minutes of the Executive Committee were not printed and placed in the hands of the Assembly for inspection, nor were they even read for the information of the body, and the undersigned dissents from the endorsement of unknown things by the vote of the Assembly.

2. Again, he enters his dissent from the action of the Assembly on the report of the Standing Committee, because, though the Secretary read a paper, yet it was not printed and placed in the hands of the members of the Assembly for examination, and the report of the Treasurer was not read, nor was it printed and placed in the hands of the members of the Assembly for examination ; and the report of the Standing Committee asked the Assembly to approve the said reports without the opportunity to inform themselves of what they would thus endorse.

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The Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Secretary of Foreign Missions, brought to the attention of the Assembly the question of organising a Presbytery in Brazil. The subject was, on motion, referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Bills and Overture reported answer to No. 4, which report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report to the Assembly Overture No. 4, from the Presbytery of New Orleans, praying the Assembly to reconsider the rule of Minutes, page 505, 1870, which ordered a separate column in the statistical reports for pastors' salaries actually paid in.

The Committee respectfully recommend to the Assembly the following answer :

That the Assembly, believing the evil effect feared by the memorialists will not follow, do decline to rescind a rule so recently adopted by the Assembly, and promising good results.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Committee on the Memorial from the Convention on Education made a report on that part of the memorial which had been recommitted. This report, after amendments and discussion, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to which was referred the report of the Convention appointed by the General Assembly of 1870, and whose business it was to consider the whole subject of the educational policy of the Presbyterian Church, having had this report under consideration and having maturely discussed the whole matter, after full expression of the views of the members of the Committee, beg leave to offer the following report for the action of the Assembly : We recommend that the Assembly adopt as the deliverance of its own views, the report of the Convention, and that it be issued in the form of a Circular Letter to our churches, *mutatis mutandis*, as follows :

To all the Churches under the care of the General Assembly

Of the Presbyterian Church in the United States—Greeting:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—The General Assembly, in session at Huntsville, Alabama, having had full conference and comparison of views, and having carefully deliberated and weighed the various and important questions connected with the educational policy of our beloved Church, has reached with entire harmony certain well established principles, among which we enumerate the following:

1. The promotion of the great work of education in all its departments is now, as in all our past history it has been, not only the true policy, but the indispensable duty, and an absolute necessity, of our beloved Zion.

2. This necessity, in the opinion of this Assembly, exists not only in reference to the preparation of our young men for the ministry, but with equal certainty as it bears upon the training of the entire body of our youth for their future career in every sphere of human effort, and that its obligation extends to both sexes alike.

3. While there may exist an honest difference of opinion in regard to the precise form of control which should be maintained over this great interest, there is a happy unanimity in the sentiment that it is one too dear, too vital to us as a Church, to be remitted to the State, to other communions, or to any irresponsible body of educators—that, in a word, the education of our children can be safely surrendered to no other than a Presbyterian influence.

4. The experience of many, and the observation of all who have read the signs of the times intelligently, have revealed the fact that wherever Presbyterian parents have failed to recognise the influence of these principles in the education of their children, the results have almost invariably proven disastrous to the interests of our branch of Christ's Church.

5. Furthermore, it is the judgment of this Assembly that never at any previous period of our history has there existed a more pressing demand for high intellectual culture under Christian influence than does exist at the present time.

6. Therefore, in view of these weighty principles and facts, this Assembly, desirous of meeting this demand, would give direction, in some practical method, to the minds of our Presbyterian people in regard to this permanent interest.

With reference to the establishment of one great institution of the higher learning, to be conducted by Presbyterians, and in the interest of Presbyterianism, the judgment of this Assembly is that the people of our communion at large are not prepared to enter at once upon the important enterprise of putting such an institution into immediate operation. It is believed that the existing want of harmony of views, and the apparent absence of zeal in this cause, would only tend to mortifying failure in any such attempt at present; while the fact of the desolated and poverty-smitten state of our people appeals to us to forbear the urging upon their attention this additional claim upon their resources.

The Assembly, upon a general view of this whole subject, would lay before the churches the following recommendations:

1. The Assembly earnestly recommends to all our people that strong efforts be made to sustain those Presbyterian colleges already in operation, to aid them by such pecuniary contributions as they may feel able to bestow, so that they may all be placed upon a permanent and self-sustaining basis.

2. The Assembly would recommend that to this end the multiplication of such institutions be not encouraged, but on the contrary, that those Synods adjacent to such colleges be urged to concentrate upon them their interest, their means, their patronage, and their prayers, and in this way most effectually aid them in supplying the want now manifestly existing of a species of education not fully attainable with our present means.

3. The Assembly deems it timely to speak a word of encouragement to those of our brethren engaged in the education of young ladies, and to exhort our

people to send their daughters to institutions where their moral and religious training will be in accordance with the faith of their fathers.

4. Inasmuch as this Assembly has reason to believe there may be in some parts of our Zion, benevolent individuals of large means and large hearts, who desire and prefer to invest a portion of their wealth in the particular form of a great University, such offerings of benevolence should be encouraged, and the Assembly feels called upon to provide some authoritative and responsible place of reception for these funds to be held in sacred trust for this purpose, guarded by every security possible, and prudently invested.

5. The Assembly, therefore, in the exercise of its best judgment, deems it wisest for the present to designate its Board of Trustees as such authorised body for the reception and management of all such funds, and recommends to all the benevolent among our people that they intrust their offerings for this object to that body, to be held by them in trust until such time as a suitable University may be organised under the sanction of some future Assembly; to which future Assembly the question of the nature of control over said University is to be left.

6. Finally, the Assembly earnestly commends our educational interests to the prayers and benefactions of our people, praying that the Great Head of the Church may put it into their hearts to "devise" wisely "liberal things."

The Committee of Investigation, appointed at the request of the Secretary and Treasurer of Sustentation and Foreign Missions, made a report, which was accepted; and, upon a motion to adopt the same, its consideration was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported answers to Overtures Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, which were adopted, and are as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report to the General Assembly the Overture (No. 5) of the Presbytery of North Mississippi, praying the Assembly to enjoin upon all its agents the most rigid economy and prudence in all contracts for printing.

Your Committee respectfully move the Assembly to adopt the following reply:

The Assembly, believing that its clerks and other executive officers are fully aware of the necessity of rigid economy and prudence in this and all other expenditures of sacred funds, and having no proof of their failure therein, deem it unnecessary to take farther action upon this memorial at this time.

The Committee report to the Assembly an Overture (No. 6) of the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, calling the attention of the Assembly to a memorial on the improvement of theological education, and requesting that the subject may not fail to receive attention.

As a Committee of the Assembly exists upon this subject, it is recommended that this Committee be advised to examine the matters submitted to them; and no farther action of this Assembly at this time is needed.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report to the Assembly the Overture (No. 7) from the Presbytery of North Mississippi, requesting the Assembly to rescind the rule of 1869, "allowing the Secretaries of the Executive Committees, and the Clerks of the Assembly, to have the privileges of members on the floor of the Assembly," as a "dangerous violation of the Constitution."

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following answer:

A reference to the rule (Minutes of 1869, p. 390) will show that "the privileges of members on the floor" are not conferred by it on the above officers; but only the privilege of making statements and explanations touching the trusts committed to their care. This the Assembly regards as both safe and convenient, and therefore respectfully declines to rescind.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report to the Assembly Overture No. 8, from the Presbytery of North Mississippi, praying the Assembly to require of all treasurers of Church funds "a specific, itemized report of all receipts from all and every source, and also of all disbursements in the same specific itemized manner, and that the same be published in the Minutes of the Assembly."

Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following :

The detailed accounts of all the Executive Committees are annually exhibited to the Assembly, and by its Auditing Committees examined and settled. The Assembly regards this measure as substantially securing the faithful disbursements of the funds.

They also reported Overture No. 9. This report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, report to the Assembly Overture No. 9, of the Rev. T. L. DeVeaux, of the Presbytery of Florida, as follows:

Is it right to baptize a person whose recovery from the delirium of fever is despaired of, but who, *immediately* before he lapsed into the delirium, professed faith in Christ, and asked to be baptized? In other words: Is it right *ever* to baptize an unconscious adult person?

Your Committee would respectfully move the Assembly to adopt the following reply:

The Sacraments are rational and spiritual means of grace, and cannot change the spiritual state of any soul *ex opere operato*. The Shorter Catechism, Question 94, defines Baptism as "signifying and sealing our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking the benefits of the covenant of grace, *and our engagement to be the Lord's.*" The Scriptures hold out sundry instances of believers in a state of salvation without water baptism; thereby showing that it is not in every case necessary to redemption. Experience has also taught us the propriety of caution in judging professions of faith and repentance made in sickness, either favorably or adversely. For all which reasons this Assembly decides that an unconscious adult in the condition described in the above overture is not a suitable subject for baptism.

They reported also Overture No. 10. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, in answer to the Overture of Presbytery of Western District, praying the General Assembly to recommend that the Committee of Publication employ candidates for the ministry as colporteurs during their vacations, would answer, that while fully recognising the utility of the colportage work to the churches and students, we also remember the rare and peculiar qualifications required for this work. We can therefore only remit the request to the favorable attention of the Committee of Publication.

The Committee on the Relief Fund made a report, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on the Relief Fund respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the subject committed to their hands, and find that it was the object of patient and thorough investigation by an able committee of one member from each Synod, in the Assembly of 1870, and that their action, which heartily commended the plan of this fund, received the cordial approbation of that body.

We are clearly of the opinion that the plan is the best that can at present be devised, and in this we are sustained by the judgment of some of the ablest actuaries of this country.

We therefore recommend that the Secretary of the Committee of Sustentation be hereby authorised to place in the hands of every session, a copy of

the report adopted by the Assembly of 1870, together with this report, and any other matter which in his judgment may commend this object to our people; and that it be made the duty of the session to lay it before their respective congregations.

We further recommend that this Assembly do hereby heartily endorse the plan as meeting an existing want in the Church. We recommend, finally, that the Assembly take steps to have the charter amended so as to authorise the investment of the funds of this Relief Fund, and the funds of any other eleemosynary object of the Church, to be vested in the Trustees of the Assembly.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence beg leave to present the following report:

Of the fifty-five Presbyteries belonging to the Assembly, reports from only thirty-one have been placed in our hands, and of them seven are so imperfect that we can gather no valuable information from them. From the reports of twenty-four Presbyteries, from which we have any satisfactory statistics, we present the following items: One hundred and forty-four congregations have contributed to all *five* of the objects ordered by the General Assembly; one hundred and fifty-four to *four* of them; one hundred and sixty-seven to *three* of them; one hundred and thirty-five to *two* of them; one hundred and thirty-five to *one* of them; and two hundred and thirty-two to *none* of them. The proportion of the non-contributing churches is nearly one-half of the whole number of churches in those presbyteries from which we have reports containing any satisfactory statistics, and from more than one-half of the presbyteries we have no satisfactory reports. We do not believe that the reports in our possession present a full and fair representation of what the churches have done for the objects of general benevolence during last year; because, from more than half of the Presbyteries we have no statistics whatever, and many of the reports placed in our hands do not contain full and satisfactory statistics. While we believe that the churches have done much better than appears from the few and imperfect reports which have been sent up, yet we are afraid that the fact that we have no satisfactory reports from more than half of our Presbyteries, and the further fact, stated in the majority of the reports that we do have, that many of the churches fail to send to their Presbyteries reports of what they are doing for Systematic Benevolence, indicate that there is an alarming and deplorable degree of negligence in many of the Presbyteries and churches in regard to this most important matter. Therefore, we would recommend that the Assembly urge and enjoin all its Presbyteries:

1st. That they (the Presbyteries) require from all their churches full statistical reports of what they (the churches) have done during the ecclesiastical year for the various objects of general benevolence, to be sent up to their spring meetings; and, in order to facilitate this duty to the churches, that the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries be recommended to furnish to all their respective churches blanks on which to make said reports.

2d. That all our Presbyteries be earnestly recommended and enjoined to give, at their next stated meetings, earnest attention and a thorough examination to the vital subject of Systematic Benevolence in all its bearings.

3d. That the Presbyteries earnestly recommend all their respective pastors, stated supplies, and missionaries, to give frequent instructions to their respective churches as to their duty in this matter, which is not only of prime importance to the progress, but even indispensable to the continued life and permanent existence of the Church.

4th. That the Presbyteries earnestly recommend and solemnly enjoin upon all their church sessions to afford to the people in every congregation an

opportunity to contribute to each and all of the objects for which collections are ordered by the General Assembly.

Upon report of the Committee to examine the records of the Synod of Virginia, they were approved as far as written.

Adjourned to meet this evening at half-past 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Hill.

TUESDAY EVENING, May 23—8½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and after singing, was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Stillman, of Alabama.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the inauguration of the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., as Professor of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric in the Theological Seminary at Columbia. The official correspondence connected with his election was read, showing that he had accepted the Professorship to which he was elected by the last General Assembly.

The professor elect then recited and signed the pledge prescribed in the plan of the institution; after which he was declared by the Moderator to have been duly inducted into office. The Rev. Thos. E. Peck, D. D., delivered an appropriate charge; after which Dr. Wilson delivered an inaugural address suitable to the occasion.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Porter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 24—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and engaged in devotional exercises, which were continued for half an hour.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on Education presented a report, which was received, and its consideration was made the order of the day for this afternoon at half-past 4 o'clock.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a further report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to make the following additional report:

The General Assembly has been well pleased to receive the Christian and fraternal salutations of the Rev. R. P. Farris, D. D., the Rev. J. L. Yantis, D. D., and Mr. Edward Bredell, delegates from the Synod of Missouri, Old School, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly gratefully acknowledges, and highly appreciates, the Christian salutations of the Old School Synod of Missouri as expressed by its delegates, and does hereby cordially invite them to a seat on the floor of the Assembly.

2. That the Assembly hereby expresses its Christian sympathy with the Synod of Missouri, in the trials to which it has been subjected during the past, as a witnessing Church for Christ's crown and kingdom, and do rejoice in its steadfast faith, success, and prosperity.

3. That the Assembly does hereby appoint the Rev. David Wills, D. D., principal, and the Rev. R. McInnis, alternate, commissioners to attend the meeting of the Old School Synod of Missouri, to convene at Cape Girardeau

on the 2d Tuesday in October, 1871, and bear to it the fraternal regards of the Assembly.

The Committee to consider a plan of providing for the family of Rev. Mr. Inslee, made a report, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Special Committee appointed to suggest some plan by which suitable provision may be made for the family of the late Rev. E. B. Inslee, who was for fourteen years a faithful and laborious missionary in China under the care of the Presbyterian Church, would report, that, after duly considering the peculiar obligations which rest upon us as a Church to provide for this family, the amount necessary for this purpose, and the best method of raising the amount, would submit the following:

That this Assembly recognise the peculiar obligations which rest upon the Church, to provide for the support and education of this family; and, that with the view of securing a home, and making other necessary provision, which will require at least \$5,000; and, believing that the best method of raising this amount is by an appeal to the ladies—therefore,

Resolved, 1. That each minister in our Church be directed to present this important subject, and endeavor to enlist the female members of their respective congregations, so that the amount, if possible, may be raised by the 1st of October. The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions is charged with the duty of securing the funds necessary to carry this plan into effect.

2. That Rev. Drs. B. M. Palmer, J. E. C. Doremus, H. M. Smith, and W. A. Bartlett, Esq., be a Committee to take charge of the funds, and invest them in such a way as they may deem best for the benefit of this family; and that said Committee report to next Assembly the amount raised, and how invested.

The Standing Committee on Publication made a report, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Publication having examined the annual report of the Executive Committee, their minutes, and book of receipts and expenditures, would report, that the annual report presents a full and detailed statement of the operations of this Committee during the past year, which shows fidelity, zeal, and a growing interest in the great work committed to them. The contributions of the churches, for the past year, having been but \$7,472.85, and having only \$33,087.71 of the endowment fund, the Committee have been cramped for means and hence have not accomplished all that the Assembly desired; yet they have done much, and are doing a good work for the Church.

The minutes of their monthly meetings are well kept, and show that the Committee are alive to the interest of this important work.

The book of receipts and expenditures shows a full itemized statement of all money received, and how and for what expended; and your Committee would recommend to the Assembly to commend the systematic business management of this important work, and their liberality in bestowing wisely small donations of books to needy churches and ministers and Sabbath-schools.

Your Committee would recommend as suggestions and instructions to the Executive Committee, the following:

1. That the Sabbath-school Hymn-Book, and the Tune and Hymn-Book for churches, recommended by the last Assembly, be published as soon as the means and other obligations of the Committee will permit.

2. The Assembly concur with the Executive Committee in the opinion, that the publication of large and expensive works be dispensed with for the present, until our resources become larger and the circumstances of our people more favorable.

3. That the *Earnest Worker* be sent without charge for one year to each minister who is engaged regularly in preaching the gospel.

4. That the Executive Committee be directed to send to each Presbyterian Committee a statement of the amount paid by their respective Presbyteries to the Endowment Fund, and the just proportion yet due from said Presbytery; and the Assembly would urge the Presbyteries to adopt some plan by which this amount may be raised, if possible, during the present year.

5. That as to the request of the Executive Committee that the Assembly so modify the rule with reference to the examination of books as to permit them to ask and accept the services of other brethren in the examination of republications—we recommend that said request be granted, under the restrictions set forth in their annual report.

6. That the Treasurer keep a separate account of donations to the missionary and benevolent work of the Committee, to which shall be credited all contributions not otherwise directed, which shall constitute a fund, from which grants shall be made to ministers, churches, and Sabbath-schools, when they need them, and are not able to pay for them—each grant exceeding \$5 in value, the request to be endorsed by the chairman of the Presbyterian Committee.

7. That the report (or an abstract) of the Executive Committee, and the Treasurer's report, be printed and placed before the Assembly previous to the action of this body on said reports.

The Committee recommend that the Assembly appoint the following as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*; Charles Gennet, Esq., *Treasurer*; Drs. M. D. Hoge, Wm. Brown, C. H. Read, Rev. E. H. Rutherford, Rev. Thos. L. Preston, Rev. W. A. Campbell, Hon. W. F. Taylor, Hon. E. H. Fitzhugh, and Hon. B. R. Wellford.

The Standing Committee on Evangelistic Labor presented a report, which was received and placed on the docket.

The order of the day was suspended to allow the Auditing Committee to report. The report of said committee, on the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication and Education, was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee for Auditing Accounts, to whom were referred the annual accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee on Publication and Education, have carefully examined said accounts, comparing the same with the books of the Treasurer, and the vouchers for payment of each item in the accounts; and your Committee is gratified to report that the accounts referred to are in all respects correct.

From the same Committee a report was received on the accounts of the Treasurer of Sustentation and Foreign Missions; also the accounts of the Treasurer of the fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers. This report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Auditing Committee would report that they have examined the books and accounts of Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., Treasurer of Sustentation, and find them correct, with vouchers for all moneys paid by him, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$3,625.80.

The Committee has also examined the books and accounts of Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., Treasurer of Foreign Missions, and find them correct, with vouchers for all moneys paid by him. The Committee would also report that the Treasurer presented vouchers for the sum of \$800 paid to missionaries in the Indian country, for which he had not vouchers at the last meeting of the General Assembly. The balance due the Treasurer is \$5,505.99.

The Committee would also report that they have examined the books and accounts of Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., Treasurer of fund for Disabled Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers, and find them cor-

rectly kept and properly vouched, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$1,377.05.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz., the report of the Committee of Investigation, when after discussion by Prof. James Woodrow and Dr. J. L. Wilson, the Assembly adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock p. m. Closed with prayer by Mr. W. L. Mitchell.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, May 24—4½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. A. Baker.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a further report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would report to the Assembly, that though no delegates have appeared from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, yet it has come to the knowledge of this Committee that delegates were appointed by these venerable bodies to represent them at our present sessions. The Committee would recommend that the Assembly express its regret that the brethren appointed have not found it convenient to attend; and that delegates be now appointed to represent this court and convey its Christian salutations to these bodies at their next meetings.

The Committee would therefore recommend that the Rev. W. F. Junkin, principal, and Rev. J. M. P. Otts, alternate, be, and hereby are, appointed to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1872; and that the Rev. E. McNair of Arkansas, principal, and the Rev. D. McNeill Turner, D. D., alternate, be appointed to represent us in the Associate Reformed Synod of the South at its meeting this fall.

The hour for the order of the day arrived, and the report of the Standing Committee on Education was taken up; and after amendment, it was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education respectfully report, that they have examined the report of the Executive Committee, the minutes of the Committee's semi-monthly meetings, and the Treasurer's book, and find in them evidence of diligence and fidelity, and recommend that the same be approved and commended by this Assembly.

The Committee call the attention of the Assembly to the decided advance which has marked the progress of this important cause during the last five years. In 1866, there was one candidate for the ministry, aided by the Assembly. In 1871, there are 121. In 1866, the amount of money contributed was \$217. In 1871, it is \$18,871. In view of this wonderful advance, it behoves the Assembly to render grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God.

It is believed that the cause of Education seldom, if ever, fails to elicit favorable action on the part of the Church, whenever it is brought fairly and properly before the minds of the people. It is to be regretted that several of the Presbyteries appear to have done so little in the work of raising contributions for this important object.

The Committee would recommend to the special approbation of the Assembly, the spirit of self-denial, sacrifice, and strict economy, which the students have exhibited under circumstances of peculiar embarrassment and distress. The Church, through the Assembly, pledges to these beloved brethren her tender sympathy and fostering care.

The Committee respectfully recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Executive Committee be instructed to adhere to the principle of *aid* in the contributions they make for the support of students; and that the maximum of said contributions, except in special cases, be \$200 to students in Theological Seminaries, and \$175 to students in Colleges.

2. That each Synod is hereby instructed to publish to the churches under its care a schedule of times suitable to them for contributing to each of the Assembly's Committees.

3. That the Committee be authorised to send to all the members of the Church the circular issued by the said Committee in the interest of Education.

4. That it be, and hereby is, urged upon all the Presbyteries, that they use proper efforts to raise funds in aid of Education; and it is recommended that they forward all the money thus raised to the Assembly's Committee.

5. That it be recommended to the Presbyteries that they enjoin upon the churches under their care, the observance of the 4th Thursday of February, 1872, as a day of special prayer in behalf of all the youth of our land in course of literary training, and especially that God would call many of the sons of the Church to dedicate themselves to his service in the ministry of the gospel; and that he would baptize the Church with a spirit of liberality to this cause.

6. Your Committee recommend the appointment of the following persons as the Executive Committee of Education for the ensuing year: Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., *Secretary*; Charles Gennet, Esq., *Treasurer*; Drs. M. D. Hoge, William Brown, C. H. Read, Rev. E. H. Rutherford, Rev. T. L. Preston, Rev. Wm. A. Campbell, Wm. F. Taylor, Esq., B. R. Wellford, Esq., and E. H. Fitzhugh, Esq.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported answers to Nos. 11 and 12. The reports were adopted, and are as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report to the Assembly the Memorial of Augusta Presbytery, asking of the Assembly leave to enroll as a member of their Presbytery, a foreign minister, the Rev. Robert Irvine, D. D., of the Presbytery of Montreal, with a view to installing him as a pastor in their bounds.

Your Committee would respectfully report, that they have examined the action of Augusta Presbytery, and find it thus far in accordance with the rule of the Assembly ordained for the probation and reception of foreign ministers. (See Digest, pp. 258-260). We therefore recommend to the Assembly to adopt the following:

Resolved, 1. That the Presbytery of Augusta is cordially encouraged to employ the Rev. Robert Irvine, D. D., in preaching and administering the sacraments within their bounds, during the time of his probation.

2. That if the Presbytery shall continue to be, at their spring meeting in 1872, well satisfied with the probation of Dr. Robert Irvine, they be then authorised to receive him to full membership, and, if the way be clear, install him into the pastoral work; this being the earliest date for such action permitted by the ordinances of the Assembly.

Also the same Committee presented a report on the Memorial from the Presbytery of Memphis, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Memphis, believing that the true interests of our whole Zion would be greatly promoted by the returning of the Committees of Education and Sustentation to the places where they were first located, and from which the war necessitated their removal, would hereby overture the General Assembly to make the said change, and remove the Committee of Education to Memphis, and the Committee of Sustentation to New Orleans.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following answer :

That there appears no evidence that the above changes are required by the general sentiment of the churches and presbyteries ; and the Assembly therefore respectfully declines action at this time.

Adjourned to meet this evening at half-past 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. McMillan.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, May 24—8½ o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Farris, from the Synod of Missouri.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Sustentation, and addresses were made by Drs. Porter, Burgett, and Dabney.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. J. N. Craig.

THURSDAY MORNING, May 25—9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and the usual time was spent in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday morning were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on the Narrative presented a report, which was adopted.

It was announced that the Rev. A. S. Sloan was present as a delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and it was made the order of the day to hear his address this morning at 11 o'clock.

The Standing Committee on Sabbath-schools presented a report, which was adopted, and is follows :

The Standing Committee on Sabbath Schools would submit the following report :

There have been placed in our hands reports from thirty-eight Presbyteries, leaving seventeen Presbyteries from which no reports have been received. Of the reports received, quite a number of them are very meagre and imperfect, failing to give the information that is so desirable. The reasons given for this, on the part of the Presbyteries, is the want of the proper information from the churches.

From a careful examination of all the reports before the Committee, the information is obtained that nearly half of our churches have regular Sabbath-school exercises of some kind ; and if all the Presbyteries could be heard from, it is not improbable that it would be found that Sabbath-schools are maintained in nearly all the churches where it is practicable.

The following statistics are gathered from the reports in the hands of the Committee :

Number of schools in operation,	-	-	-	-	-	562
Number of teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	4,505
Number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	37,047
Amount contributed,	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,741

As compared with report of last year there is an increase of 555 teachers, and 10,397 scholars. In the amount of contributions there is a falling off of \$6,181.

It is to be regretted that most of the reports contain only the bare statistical facts; as to the management of the schools, mode of operations, or particular manner of instruction, no satisfactory information can be obtained. The reports of this year show a large increase in teachers and scholars as compared with last year, which would indicate a largely increased interest on the part of the churches in this all-important work. It is impossible, however, to determine definitely what the Church is doing in this great work until full reports are obtained from all the churches and presbyteries. A list is here given of such Presbyteries as have failed to comply with the orders of the Assembly to send forward Sabbath-school reports: Presbytery of Ouachita, Ebenezer, Louisville, Muhlenburg, Paducah, Transylvania, West Lexington, Chickasaw, North Mississippi, Louisiana, New Orleans, Tombeckbee, North Alabama, Bethel, Central Texas, Western Texas, and Chesapeake.

It is earnestly hoped that all our churches will show an increased interest in this important work that so vitally affects the welfare of the Church. The Sabbath-school should ever hold forth this as its distinctive and great mission—to present Jesus Christ to the youthful mind so soon as it is capable of receiving knowledge.

That the Sabbath-schools of our churches may be stimulated and enabled to accomplish still greater results for the children gathered into the schools, your Committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That the Sabbath-school be always conducted under the supervision and control of the pastor and session, as a part of the church organisation of which they are the spiritual overseers.

2. That all the Presbyteries be enjoined to urge greater fidelity upon the part of pastors to preach to the children of their respective charges.

3. That collections be taken up in Sabbath-schools for all the benevolent schemes of the Church on such days as are ordered by the Synods, to the end that the children may have their minds trained to sustain those great objects of the Church's aggressive work.

4. That the following questions be added to the blanks furnished churches and presbyteries to make their reports for the purpose of gathering more information about the management and conduct of the school:

a. Is your school under the supervision and control of the pastor and session?

b. Do your pastor and elders attend upon the services of the Sabbath-school? and does your pastor preach regularly to the children of the Sabbath-school?

c. Are the Confession of Faith, Catechism, and Form of Church Government, taught in every school?

d. Are the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker* taken in all your schools?

5. That all the Presbyteries be enjoined to take such action as will secure full and satisfactory reports from all their churches.

6. That the churches as far as possible engage in Mission Schools.

Mr. W. L. Mitchell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

The report of the Committee on Relief for the Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, recommends the Assembly to adopt the proper means to have the charter so enlarged as to enable the "Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the United States" to hold the funds for such purpose, and also for other eleemosynary objects of the Church: Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Trustees be requested to apply to the Legislature of North Carolina for an enlargement of their powers in this respect; and that a copy of this proceedings be furnished by the Stated Clerk to said Trustees.

The Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Mr. W. H. Crawford, and Dr.

R. C. Word, were appointed a Committee to nominate Trustees of the General Assembly, in place of those whose term of service has expired.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported answers to Overtures Nos. 13 and 14. The reports were adopted, and are as follows :

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report to the Assembly the overture of the Presbytery of Memphis :

“The Presbytery of Memphis respectfully desires, and asks by this overture, that the General Assembly will define precisely what is to be understood by a *Sabbath-school being under the control of the church session*, in order that the direction given to Presbyteries in the 3d Art., page 512 of Minutes of the General Assembly for 1870, may be clearly understood and uniformly interpreted.”

The Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following :

This Assembly deems that the Assembly of 1870 intends that the church session shall select the superintendent, who shall nominate, with their approbation, the teachers, ordain the methods of instruction, and direct the selection of books.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, having been instructed to consider the overture of the Presbytery of Montgomery, referred by the Assembly of 1870 to this body for final decision, find it in the following words (Minutes 1870, p. 536) :

“May a member of the Church, in consistency with the constitutional rules, be suspended or excommunicated from the Church without trial for charges brought against him, and without being before the court to which he is amenable; but simply upon the report of a committee of the court, that he had confessed to it he was guilty of crimes worthy in their nature of suspension or excommunication?”

Your Committee respectfully recommend that this question be answered *in the negative*, for the following reasons :

1. When an accused person, after due citation, pleads guilty before the court empowered to try him, the necessity of further investigation is, of course, superseded; and the court may proceed at once to pass the appropriate sentence. But it is not safe, in every case, to accept the report of a Committee, such as is described in the overture, as conclusive proof that the accused intends deliberately to plead guilty. The Committee may misunderstand or misrepresent his contumacy or confession.

2. In Chap. IV., § 9, of the Book of Discipline, (Of Actual Process), we find this law :

“The judicatory, in many cases, may find it more for edification to send some member to converse, in a private manner, with the accused person; and if he confess guilt, to endeavor to bring him to repentance, than to proceed immediately to citation.” We have here described the proper action to be taken by just such a committee of the court as the above overture contemplates. The only result aimed at by such private dealing of that Committee with the accused confessing his guilt, is, the bringing of him to repentance; and we hear nothing in this law of a sentence immediately founded on the report of the interview. On the contrary, it seems to be implied that the proper alternative is the citation of the accused, provided he cannot be brought to repentance after confession of guilt.

3. In the same chapter, § 11, it is written, that although the accused shall declare in writing or otherwise, and to the court itself, his purpose not to obey a citation, “this declaration shall in no case induce the judicatory to deviate from the regular course prescribed for citations. They shall proceed as if no such declaration had been made. The person cited may afterwards alter his mind.” The regular course prescribed for such cases is, (§ 10), that he shall

be cited a second time before sentence is pronounced. The spirit of this rule evidently requires such second citation, and, for the stronger reason, before the court can properly proceed to final sentence against an accused person who has given a weaker evidence of contumacy, by a verbal avowal of guilt in private, "he may afterwards alter his mind;" and, submitting himself to the lawful jurisdiction, he may so explain his faults, or manifest such penitence as ought to modify the penalty.

For these reasons, the Assembly decides that sentence may not be lawfully passed on any member or officer of the Presbyterian Church, unless he confess his guilt in the presence of the court itself; or else demonstrate his own contumacy after a second formal citation as above prescribed in the constitution.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures was, on request of its chairman, discharged.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., Treasurer of the General Assembly, and found them correct; the receipts being \$1,095.89, the disbursements \$979.80—leaving a balance in his hands of \$116.80.

The action of the Assembly adopting the report of the Standing Committee on Education, was reconsidered, when, after an amendment of the second resolution, the report was again adopted. (The amended form is given on page 25.)

The Committee to consider the question of organising a Presbytery in Brazil, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Missions would report in regard to the organisation of a Presbytery in Brazil:

1. That Rev. G. Nash Morton, Rev. Edward Lane, Rev. James R. Baird, and Rev. W. C. Emerson, with the church in Campinas, be detached from their Presbyteries, and they hereby are constituted into a Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Sao Paulo, in connexion with the Synod of Virginia.

2. The boundaries of said Presbytery shall be commensurate with the limits of the kingdom of Brazil.

3. The Presbytery of Sao Paulo is directed to meet in Campinas on Saturday before the second Sabbath in January, 1872, at 11 o'clock a. m., and be opened with a sermon by Rev. James R. Baird, or in case of his absence or inability, by Rev. Edward Lane, who shall preside till a Moderator is elected.

The Rev. Dr. Woodrow was allowed the privilege of a personal explanation, in which he denied the correctness in certain particulars of a published report of his remarks yesterday.

The report of the Committee on Valid Baptism was taken up, and its discussion continued till the time for receiving the delegate from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South. The Rev. Mr. Sloan then addressed the Assembly, presenting the cordial Christian salutations of that sister Church. To this address the Moderator made a suitable response.

The unfinished business was resumed, and, after considerable discussion, the report of the Committee on Valid Baptism, was adopted. The following is the report:

The General Assembly of 1870 resolved as follows:

"That a Committee be appointed, which shall present to the next Assembly a report of full and clear instruction to the Church, on the whole subject

of valid baptism, and the extent to which baptism administered by other churches should be recognised."

"This Committee was appointed to consist of the Rev. Drs. R. L. Dabney, Thos. E. Peck, J. B. Adger, and Geo. Howe." Minutes 1870, p. 537.

Your Committee, in fulfilment of the duty above assigned them, would beg leave to refer to the Assembly's Digest, Book III., Pt. I., Chap. 2. This chapter, from the enactments of previous Assemblies, presents what appears to us to be a safe and scriptural collection of rules concerning valid and invalid baptism. We are there taught that baptism is in no case to be administered by any save a minister of the Church of Christ, called to be a steward of the mysteries of God. See Directory for Worship, Ch. VII., § I. That baptism, by a clerical imposter, who has, in fact, never received ordination to the ministry in any church of Christ, or by a minister duly suspended or deposed, is invalid, and so, null and void. That although the personal unworthiness of a minister officiating in any church of Christ does not invalidate the ordinances of that communion, yet peculiar and intentional profanity in the administration of a particular baptism may properly render it invalid; but in this case the church session and pastor are the best judges, and must decide from the particular circumstances whether to re-administer the sacrament in a regular manner; and that all baptisms administered in the Unitarian and Popish communions are invalid. We respectfully recommend to the Assembly to reaffirm all these rules.

The Assembly of 1870, being asked whether persons who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity in the "Christian Church," (commonly called Campbellite), and applying for membership in our Church, shall be invariably re-baptized, did, from the same principles, answer this question in the affirmative; whereupon was adopted the resolution appointing to the undersigned the present duty.

If any other instruction to the churches is needed on "the whole subject of valid baptism, and the extent to which baptism administered by other churches should be recognised," we would respectfully submit the following:

Inasmuch as contact may hereafter arise with religious denominations now having no relations with our churches, or not even in existence at present, this instruction cannot now be given by a complete specific enumeration. It can only consist of the statement of scriptural principles, which determine each case as it arises.

Our Church has always held, agreeably to the Scripture, that the administration of baptism may present irregularities or imperfections which are not to be approved, but the sacrament may still have substantial validity. It is plain from the Scriptures, that baptism has, by the Lord Jesus Christ, been given to his true visible Church catholic,* and cannot be out of her pale. The administration of this sacrament may be in two ways invalidated; either by the apostasy of the body wherein it is exercised, so that this society is no true part of Christ's visible Church; or by the utter change or corruption of the element and doctrine of the sacrament. And our Assemblies have correctly held, that the form called by the Popish communion "Christian baptism" has ceased, for both reasons, to be valid; because that society is declared in Scripture to be Antichrist, and Babylon, and apostate, out of which the Lord requireth his "people to come, that they may not be partakers of her plagues;" and because she hath, with superstitious design, substituted a mixed element in place of water, which Christ ordained to be used as the emblem, and hath utterly corrupted the doctrine of holy baptism into an incantation working *ex opere operato*.

In other societies, as the Unitarian, their rites may have due regularity of outward form, and yet be no valid baptism; because these bodies are not true parts of Christ's visible Church. The validity of such cases therefore depends upon the claim of the communion in which they are administered to be true

*See Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; Acts ii. 41, 42; I Cor. xii. 13; Book of Gov., Ch. VII; Dir. for Worship, Ch. VII., § 1.

Churches of Jesus Christ. But the scriptural mark of a true Church is its holding forth the word of God.* In view of the fact that several Churches hold grave errors in connexion with much saving truth, and that perhaps no Church receives in everything the exact mind of the Spirit, it may be asked : With what degree of strictness or liberality this mark of a true visible Church is to be applied ? It seems to us consonant to the Scriptures, and the judgment of charity to answer, that so long as any communion so retains the essential truths of God's word, and the aids of the Holy Ghost, as to save souls by its ministrations, it shall be held a true, though imperfect, member of his visible body. Though it may omit or impugn some principles which we have received from God, and may even deny to our ordinances all recognition, and to our communion all church character, yet we may not imitate its uncharitableness ; so long as Christ visibly intrusts it with his saving word and Spirit, we are bound to recognise it as of his visible body, notwithstanding its errors, and to pray for its attainment of a more peaceable unity in the bonds of the truth. But in judging the tendency of its ordinances to save souls, it is obviously proper that we shall estimate those ministrations as a consistent whole, as set forth by this communion. If their only tendency as a whole, taken as it expounds them to its members, is destructive to souls, then we cannot admit that it is a pillar and ground of saving truth, merely because of some disjointed fragments of the gospel-verities, mixed with heresies which, if heartily accepted by the people as taught, must be fatal to souls ; or because a few persons, through the special teaching of God's Spirit, leading them to select the spiritual meat, and reject the poison, actually find Christ under those ministrations. For, the proper function of a visible Church is instrumentally to communicate to its disciples spiritual discernment, and not to presuppose it. And the happy escape of these souls from damnable error is due to the special grace of God shielding them against the regular effect of these ministrations, rather than employing and blessing them. If this rule of judgment be denied, then might a valid church character possibly be established for an association of infidels investigating parts of God's word only for purposes of cavil ; since the Almighty Spirit might, against those purposes, employ those parts of the word to awaken and convert some member.

When we examine the numerous societies founded by Mr. Alexander Campbell and his coadjutors, we find that their distinctive principle is a rejection of all use whatsoever of creeds or symbols of faith of human composition as antiscritptural and infringing liberty of conscience and Christian unity. But none the less do we find, in the teachings of their recognised founders and leaders, a particular theological system which has generally among them the virtual force of an accepted creed, even to the extent of being employed as a test of ministerial standing and rule of expulsion. The leading points of this system we find to be the following :

The inspiration of the Old and New Testaments is admitted, but the authority of the former as a rule of salvation under the new dispensation is superseded. The death of man's soul in sin, and his inability of will unto all spiritual good, are denied. A temporal sonship of Christ, with his divinity and vicarious sacrifice, are held, as also the personality and mission of the Holy Ghost, as Comforter. Justification, which is defined to be remission of sins only, is on account of the merit of Christ's sacrifice alone ; and this merit received by faith is first applied and sealed to the believer only in immersion ; than which no other water-baptism is recognised. This faith, when genuine and justifying, always worketh by love, producing repentance unto life. But the renewing and quickening agency of the Holy Ghost in producing this faith and repentance, is expressly denied, save as he exercises a moral suasion, by holding forth inducements thereto in the Scriptures ; and the sinner is required to quicken himself unto the exercise of these saving graces of his own free will. For it is declared that no man can receive the Spirit until after he hath received Christ and been reconciled to him in immersion. The mission

*See Rom. iii. 2 ; 1 Tim. iii. 15 ; Book of Gov., Ch. II., § 2 ; Con. of F., Ch. XXV., § 3.

of the Holy Ghost is therefore, according to them, only to promote the comfort and sanctification of the believer after his adoption by dwelling in his soul. Regeneration is taught to be no more than the introduction of a person into an estate of reconciliation. This, taken with other preceding propositions, manifestly abolishes the whole doctrine of effectual calling. As faith is made prerequisite to baptism in every case, infant baptism and the membership of the children of believers in Christ's Church are utterly repudiated. And as the only faith required for adult baptism is the temporary faith of the soul exercising solely its native powers, (whereas the Scriptures require of adults a living faith in order to baptism,) it is hard to see what part of the doctrine of baptism is left uncorrupted. While this is the system of faith which distinguishes their body, they require as the only declared basis for Christian communion the reception of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, expressed and sealed in immersion.

If your Committee may believe the current testimony within and without these societies, while some who are admitted to them hold more, many hold less of God's saving truth than is embraced in the above erroneous and fragmentary doctrine. Such must be the result of their rejection of all symbols of belief. If this first principle be consistently carried out, any one who is willing to attest in immersion a profession of his faith in Jesus Christ as God's Son, and his Saviour, must be admitted to communion, and may be admitted to the ministry; whatever may be the sense in which he construes the terms "faith," "Messiah," "Sonship to God," and "salvation;" although that construction may be Sabellian, Arian, Pelagian, or Socinian. To this must be added the fact, that these societies admit no theory of church government, save the Independent, and no superior church courts of review and control. Whatever, then, may be the excellence of one member, or one congregation in this denomination, the Christian world has no evidence or guarantee that the next is not of a far different character.

In such circumstances, even if the Assembly admitted that the system above delineated contained sufficient substance of saving truth to redeem the soul embracing it, this difficulty would remain: This communion refuses us all guarantee that the person baptized into its pale held at the time even that fragmentary outline. We are persistently left in the dark, whether both he and the minister who baptized him, and the congregation which received him, may not have apprehended the Trinity whose name was used, the faith professed, and the salvation embraced, in the sense of the unbelieving Pelagian or Socinian, unless we happen to have the incidental evidence of a personal acquaintance with these several parties. In these circumstances, there appears no way for the Church to protect the testimony and sacraments of her divine Head from disparagement, (a sacred duty in the performance of which no option is left us,) except to refuse to recognise in that body, as a whole, a part of Christ's true visible Church. Believing that it embraces many individuals and some congregations who are true saints of God, we sincerely regret, for the sake of these, the necessity of assuming this ground. But it is a necessity which they create, in refusing to separate themselves, by a definite testimony, from those who teach "another gospel;" for our sovereign Lord has strictly forbidden us to bid God-speed to such.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas there appears to be in some portions of our Church a degree of neglect on the part of Christian parents in presenting their children, at the proper time, for baptism, which this Assembly regards as giving occasion to those who do not appreciate this holy sacrament to speak against the truth, and which is detrimental to household religion, and to the spiritual interests of the children of the covenant: therefore

Resolved, 1. That the Presbyteries composing this General Assembly be, and they are hereby, instructed to bring this subject distinctly before the minds of all our people, and to take measures to ascertain to what extent parents, in

their respective bounds, are forgetting their covenant vows, and send up to the next General Assembly specific reports on this subject.

2. That the publications of our Committee on the subject of Baptism, and especially on Infant Baptism, should be disseminated and carefully read throughout our whole bounds, in order to correct the evil referred to; and that the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries be, and they are hereby, advised to procure and circulate such publications among their churches.

The Stated Clerk, from the Committee of Finance, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee of Finance report, recommending the following assessments upon the Presbyteries for the year 1872, and, until further ordered, to meet the expenses of the Assembly, and to provide a small fund for meeting, in part at least, the expenses of commissioners from the more distant and impoverished Presbyteries.

The following Presbyteries shall be assessed thirty dollars (\$30) each, viz.: East Alabama, South Alabama, Augusta, Memphis, New Orleans, Nashville, Concord, Orange, Bethel, Harmony, South Carolina, East Hanover, Lexington, Montgomery, Chesapeake, Louisville, and Fayetteville.

The following Presbyteries shall be assessed twenty-five dollars (\$25) each, viz.: Tuskaloosa, Atlanta, Chickasaw, North Mississippi, Western District, Central Mississippi, Mississippi, Charleston, Wilmington, Abingdon, Greenbrier, Roanoke, West Hanover, Winchester, Macon, West Lexington, Ebenezer, North Alabama, Transylvania, Tombeckbee, and Mecklenburg.

The following Presbyteries shall be assessed fifteen dollars (\$15) each, viz.: Muhlenburg, Cherokee, Savannah, Knoxville, and Florida.

The following Presbyteries shall be assessed ten dollars (\$10) each, viz.: Arkansas, Ouachita, Louisiana, Red River, Holston, Central Texas, Eastern Texas, Western Texas, Indian, Brazos, Central Ohio, and Paducah.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sustentation was taken up, when the remainder of said report was adopted. The entire report is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Sustentation respectfully report that they have endeavored with due care and diligence to examine the Report of the Executive Committee and the other documents and papers referred to them, and to consider the important interests pertaining to this great department of our Church schemes and operations.

The work of the Executive Committee has regard principally to two great objects vitally affecting the preservation, growth, and prosperity of our beloved Church, viz.: First, to supplement the salaries of that large proportion of our ministers who are suffering under the evils of an insufficient support—or, which is virtually the same, to assist our many feeble churches in procuring and sustaining pastors; and, secondly, to support missionaries and evangelists in the work of preaching the gospel and planting churches in new fields.

It is at once obvious, from this mere statement, that the trust devolved on the Executive Committee is one of surpassing magnitude, and that while the Assembly must make a strict inquiry into the fidelity and success with which that Committee has fulfilled its duties, the difficulties and importance of the work committed to its care demand that the Assembly should encourage and aid it with all the resources of its power and its authority.

It appears from the Report of the Executive Committee that during the last three years, the average amount of salary paid directly by the churches to that portion of our ministers among whom the Committee dispenses its supplementary aid has increased from \$500 to \$650. This gratifying result is no

doubt to be ascribed mainly to the efforts of the Executive Committee and the connected agencies of the Presbyteries and their corresponding committees, under the general plan of the Assembly. It will be observed, however, that the progress made in this respect has not yet reached the point set before the Church by the last Assembly, which proposed \$750 as the minimum salary for every laboring minister—an amount itself, all must confess, not sufficient under the circumstances of the present times. And while there is much reason for gratitude for the advance made in this direction, it is obviously of the greatest importance that unremitting and most earnest efforts should be made by the Executive Committee, and especially by the Presbyteries, to increase yet further the salaries of these ministers.

It does not appear from the Report of the Executive Committee whether the number of churches requiring aid in supporting their ministers has increased or diminished during the year. But, considering that in most parts of the country the expenses of living have advanced, it is probable that, although the average amount of the salaries of our ministers has been augmented, the number of such churches remains about the same.

It is a gratifying circumstance that the Executive Committee have been able to extend relief to so many disabled ministers, and to the widows and orphans of so many who have gone to their rest in the heavens. It will be necessary to continue to provide a fund for this purpose, even should the proposed Plan of Relief for such cases, which has been referred to a Special Committee, go into full and successful operation; and the Assembly will doubtless feel that this object has a very tender and urgent claim on its care and attention.

The Assembly has heard, no doubt with sorrowful regret, that the amount contributed by the churches for the special purposes of Sustentation, through the agency of the Executive Committee, has been smaller during the last year than in the year previous. For while the explanation of this fact offered by that Committee goes far to alleviate it, yet it must be remembered that the amount received for this fund from the churches has never been as large as it would seem that it ought to have been, nor as was needed. It is painfully apparent from the papers furnished by the Treasurer that many of the churches still fail to contribute to it. After so many years of instruction and exhortation on this subject, with a necessity so evident and urgent, it is as surprising as it is lamentable that year after year about one-half of the churches give nothing to this cause.

It is not in the power of the Executive Committee to control the action of the churches in this matter; nor can the Assembly directly reach and remedy their neglect and failure in regard to it. The responsibility and power rest immediately upon the *Presbyteries*. Placed in immediate and personal relations with the churches, and invested by the Constitution of the Church with a certain measure of control and supervision over them, to the Presbyteries we must look for the remedy in this case. The great scheme of Sustentation, as established by the Assembly, contemplates as a necessary condition of its complete success the co-operation of *all* the churches. And we can never rest satisfied and content so long as one of them fails to take its due share in the burdens, the privileges, and the benefits connected with this great work.

In accordance with the foregoing views, the Standing Committee recommend for the adoption of the Assembly the following resolutions, viz.:

1. This Assembly expresses its cordial approbation of the fidelity and success with which the Executive Committee have discharged the duties to which they were appointed.

2. This Assembly most earnestly enjoins upon all the Presbyteries faithful and particular attention to all the interests and duties connected with the Sustentation cause. And in order to attain this end, it hereby recommends and instructs every Presbytery to take the following measures, viz.:

- 1st. At its first regular meeting held after the meeting of this Assembly, to set apart some particular and sufficient time for special prayer and consultation

in regard to this whole matter, to inquire into and review its own action and that of its churches in reference thereto, and to devise some plan by which the interest of each one of them in it may be increased, and a contribution from each one be secured for its aid.

2d. To institute and provide for a visitation of all its churches by commissions of ministers and ruling elders, to see how each one of them stands in relation to this matter; to exhort those who have heretofore co-operated with the Sustentation cause to still further and larger efforts on its behalf; to encourage such as are weak and dependent, and stimulate them to the full development of their individual resources; to unite contiguous feeble churches, as far as possible, into self-supporting charges; and to appoint religious services by the elders in those that are still vacant.

3d. In connexion with the visitation provided for above, to arrange a plan of evangelistic and missionary labor on the part of its pastors and stated supplies, according to which each one of them, with the consent of their several charges, shall, during the next twelve months thereafter, devote to such labor in vacant churches and missionary fields so much time as, in addition to that employed in the above plan of visitation, shall amount to one month.

3. That each Presbytery be required to present to the next Assembly a special written report of its action in regard to the foregoing resolution. And the Assembly would hereby solemnly exhort and beseech the Presbyteries, by all the precious interests involved, and by their respect for its own authority in the Lord, to give due diligence in performance of the duties hereby required of them.

4. In the judgment of this Assembly, it is a matter of imperative necessity that every possible effort should continue to be made by the Executive Committee of Sustentation, by the Presbyteries, and by the churches, to advance the salaries of that portion of our ministers referred to in the Report of the Executive Committee; and that it should be the aim and effort to raise these salaries to a minimum of at least \$800, and that, if possible, during the next ecclesiastical year.

5. The Assembly would call renewed attention to the collection ordered to be made on the first Sabbath of July, annually, for the Invalid Fund, formerly called the Fund for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers—regarding it as one of peculiar and very sacred obligation, claiming special attention from our Presbyteries and churches.

6. The following persons are hereby constituted the Executive Committee of Sustentation for the ensuing twelve months, viz.: Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., *Secretary*; Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., *Treasurer*; Rev. George Howe, D. D., Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. D. McQueen, Gen. F. W. McMaster, J. A. Ansley, Esq., and Joseph A. Enslow, Esq.

The report of the Committee of Investigation was taken up, when a substitute for the report was unanimously adopted; and, upon motion, the Moderator led the Assembly in prayer for the happy result just reached. The substitute is as follows:

Resolved, That the General Assembly, having received the report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the charges or complaints respecting the official conduct of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Executive Committees of Foreign Missions and of Sustentation in compliance with the request made by those officers, and having received full and explicit information concerning the several matters involved in said charges or complaints, does not deem it necessary to take any further action in the premises than simply to declare, as it does hereby declare, in the most emphatic and unqualified terms, that it finds nothing in any of the facts brought to its view to

shake, but much to strengthen, the confidence hitherto reposed in the fidelity of the said officers to the trusts committed to them, and in their wise, vigilant, and successful management thereof.

The report of the Standing Committee on Evangelistic Labor was taken up. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Evangelistic Labor respectfully report :

That of our 55 Presbyteries, reports have been received from only 25, viz. : Charleston, Harmony, Orange, Mecklenburg, Macon, Savaunah, Atlanta, West Hanover, Lexington, Roauoke, Winchester, Moutgomery, Abingdon, Nashville, Knoxville, East Alabama, South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, Central Ohio, Central Mississippi, Central Texas, Eastern Texas, Brazos, Arkansas, and Indian—being less than one-half our number. Of these, 8 only have evangelists, viz. : Orange 2, West Hanover 1, Atlanta 1, Nashville 1, South Alabama 1, Central Mississippi 1, Central Texas 2, (part of their time); Charleston, notwithstanding its desolated territory, 3, and will soon have a fourth, the support of them all being raised mainly within the Presbytery, thus setting an example worthy of imitation by the whole Church. The remaining 18 that report have no evangelists; but missionary work is done, in part, by settled ministers in all these Presbyteries. East Alabama hopes soon to have 1 evangelist, and Mecklenburg 2.

The Committee recommend that the Assembly do—

1. Enjoin upon those Presbyteries which habitually fail to report to the Assembly the performance of their duty.

2. Remind the Presbyteries of the injunction of a former Assembly to provide for themselves an evangelist or evangelists wherever it is possible, and to furnish besides such occasional missionary supplies for their destitute fields as may be necessary.

3. Direct a collection to be made in all our churches for the evangelist fund on the first Sunday in April, or as near thereto as may be convenient.

It was ordered that the report on Valid Baptism be issued by the Committee of Publication for the use of the churches, in such form as they may judge expedient.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee appointed to nominate persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, arising from the expiration of the term of office of certain members of the present Board, report :

1. That the places of five members of the Board of Trustees have been rendered vacant by the expiration of the term of office; but that the last General Assembly directed that the whole number of Trustees shall be reduced to nine, and that in order to effect this, only three members shall be elected to fill the vacancies annually occurring.

2. That the following persons be appointed Trustees of the General Assembly for the term of three years from the present date, viz. : the Rev. John Douglas, John L. Brown, Esq., Col. John E. Brown.

It was ordered, that the Stated Clerk shall purchase, for the use of the Assembly, a copy of Baird's Digest.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the editor of the *Memphis Presbyterian* deserves the thanks of this Assembly for his liberality and enterprise in furnishing the *Memphis Presbyterian*, *extra*, as a medium of publication for the proceedings of this Assembly.

The following paper was offered by Dr. Wills, respecting the Bible, and was adopted :

Whereas the labors of every gospel minister, and of every Church of Christ, to be successful, must be conducted in the spirit of Him who prayed, "*Sanctify them through thy truth ; thy word is truth ;*"

And whereas there is reason to apprehend that the Bible, though read from our pulpits and taught in our Sabbath-schools, does not occupy so prominent a place as the increasing necessities of the world demand ; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, who shall inquire and report to the next Assembly, what means shall be used for bringing the Bible more prominently, impressively, and effectively as a means of grace before the minds of all who are intrusted to our care.

The following persons were appointed upon this Committee : Rev. Drs. David Wills, Joseph R. Wilson, R. L. Dabney, A. A. Porter, and Rev. F. R. Goulding.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Assembly be extended to the citizens of Huntsville for their generous hospitality to its members during its sessions in their beautiful city ; to the pastors of churches not in our connection who tendered their pulpits to our ministers ; and to railroad companies which have furnished us facilities of travel and other courtesies.

2. That the Rev. Dr. F. A. Ross be requested to communicate the above resolution to the parties referred to in any way that he may deem proper.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee report that they have granted leave of absence to elder Ordway, Nashville Presbytery ; Rev. E. O. Frierson, Chickasaw Presbytery ; elder J. B. Kenney, West Lexington Presbytery ; Rev. W. D. Morton, Muhlenburg Presbytery ; and elder W. H. Crawford, Ouachita Presbytery.

A Pastoral Letter was reported from the Committee appointed for that purpose. This report was adopted, and the letter is as follows :

The General Assembly to all the Churches :

DEAR BRETHREN : Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God always on your behalf for the grace of God which is given you by Christ Jesus. And now we beseech you, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. In no other matter can harmony of views and concert of action be of so great importance to the progress and prosperity of our beloved Zion as in regard to the various objects of Christian benevolence. Of those objects, four—Sustentation, Missions, Education, and Publication—constitute the aggressive arm of the Church's power.

The Church must advance or *retrograde*; if she attempts merely to conserve what she now has, she must lose ground and continue to decrease in influence until finally she will have nothing to conserve but a name and skeleton. Therefore the support of the Assembly's scheme of Systematic Benevolence is of prime importance to the advancement and permanent life of the Church. In view of this fact, the inquiry: Has each congregation done for each object all that can be reasonably expected of it? is of vital importance. Comparing statistics, it appears we have given as much as any other branch of the Church in the Southern States; perhaps, in proportion to our numbers, more; and still not more than half of our congregations have contributed to any of these objects, and even in those where collections are raised, the contributions come from only a part of the people. The revenues for the last ecclesiastical year for all objects of systematic benevolence, amount to about eighty-three thousand dollars, which is an average of about two cents a week from each member of our communion. Is an average of five cents a week too much? The number who cannot contribute so much is small, and taking into consideration the number who can give largely more, and also the donations of those liberal contributors who are not members, the average named is moderate, and would give the aggregate of two hundred and eight thousand dollars (\$208,000). Even an average increase of one cent, *i. e.*, three cents a week from each member, would give the sum of one hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000). From these facts it does not appear that the churches are doing so much as can be reasonably expected from them. The field of our operations is widening, and demanding a corresponding increase of laborers in all departments; consequently the revenues of the Church for the present year must be greatly enlarged. We must look at this state of its affairs and meet it in the fear of God. With the importunate cry in our ears from every quarter for more labor, we can hardly with our present means sustain what we have. Our donations are grievously inadequate to our necessities, and far below the abilities of our people. Now what is the cause of this evil, and what is the remedy?

The root of the difficulty is to be found in the fact above stated, that the gifts to the treasury of the Lord are gathered only from a portion of the churches, and only from parts of their congregations. We do not believe that this state of facts exists either because the people are unable or unwilling to support any object of the Assembly's scheme of Systematic Benevolence; but because the importance and necessity of giving to those objects, and the opportunity of doing so, have not been regularly and faithfully presented.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the Assembly is moved to address this Pastoral Letter to all its churches relative to this matter so vital to both the temporal and spiritual interests of our Zion. The Assembly has so often sent out letters teaching the principles of Systematic Benevolence that we presume that the whole subject is now well understood, and we therefore leave it to each pastor to instruct his own flock in the duty and grace of giving, hoping that all pastors, stated supplies, and missionaries, will be faithful in keeping their congregations reminded of their duty in regard to this part of divine worship. We pray and beseech all church-officials to see to it that the opportunity of giving to each object of the Assembly's scheme is afforded to each individual in every congregation; so that the mites of the children and the poor, as well as the donations of the rich, may be gathered into the treasury of the Lord. To facilitate this, we suggest that, in addition to the collections for those objects on the days specified by the Assembly, weekly collections be taken up in all churches, when practicable, in accordance with the apostolic plan: "On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him." In connection with weekly collections we suggest the "envelope system," which has been adopted in many churches with most encouraging results. A great revival in the grace of giving is now one of the most pressing necessities of the Christian Church; and if obtained from her exalted Head for the honor of his holy name and the promotion of that precious cause for which he gave his life, would assuredly be attended or

followed by such outpourings of his Holy Spirit, in the conversion of sinners and the consecration of his people, as we have never yet enjoyed.

And now, dearly beloved, remember the words of our Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

And now, brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon, of last night and this morning, were read and approved.

On motion, it was then ordered, that this General Assembly be now dissolved; and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to meet in the Grace Street Presbyterian church in the city of Richmond, on the third Thursday in May, 1872, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

WILLIAM BROWN, PERMANENT CLERK.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, STATED CLERK.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHURCHES UNDER THEIR CARE.

BRETHREN: A view of the state of religion within our bounds presents many features of encouragement. Forty-eight of our fifty-five Presbyteries have sent up reports to this General Assembly, from which it appears that there has been a steady advance upon former years in all the elements of a healthful and vigorous church life. Although this improvement has not appeared in every portion of our field, and although there are many adversaries, yet we cannot contemplate the results which have been achieved without devout gratitude to God.

Almost without exception the Presbyteries report increased interest in Sabbath-schools and prayer-meetings; attendance upon, and attention to, the preaching of the word; added devotion upon the part of ministers and elders; a higher standard of piety among believers; and steady increase in the membership of the Church. The grace of giving is more conscientiously exercised than last year, although still far below the standard required by our duty and our needs. Nearly all of our Presbyteries report refreshing seasons of revival in some of their churches, by which large numbers have been added to their communion, whilst none but those churches which have been wholly vacant have remained stationary or lost ground. Vacant churches have been supplied more fully than at the last report; and there seems to be increased unwillingness upon the part of our destitute congregations to remain without the preaching of the word, and the administration of the sacraments. In several cases, the narratives from the Presbyteries make special mention of the zealous and successful efforts of individual churches to invade the destitutions which prevail around them, with the word of life. The experience of the past year illustrates the value of faithful missionary and evangelistic labor in overtaking the needs of our desolated fields. Wherever these have been diligently employed, the results have been in the highest degree cheering. Several of the Presbyteries have exhibited a commendable zeal in supplying their own domestic missionary field. It is believed that some additional progress has been made in reaching the ear of the colored people, although, in great measure, they remain yet aloof from us. Increasing and undiscouraged effort in their behalf is earnestly recommended. Several of the Presbyteries report the building of new church edifices: in one instance, four in a single Presbytery. In a few of the churches, too, manse have been provided for the pastors. We note these as encouraging tokens of temporal prosperity in the midst of wide-spread need, and as cheering evidences of liberality.

And yet, notwithstanding these comforting facts, the greater number of the Presbyteries are compelled to deplore the many and sad hindrances which they find to the work of the Lord. There is still painful neglect of the privilege and duty of family worship; the spirit of worldliness has in very many places invaded the Church to a lamentable degree; the obligation of individual consecration is not realised by all as it is realised by some, and the effect of this

practical infidelity within the Church is paralysing to her energies. Outside of the Church, the sins of Sabbath-breaking, profaneness, and intemperance, are rife in many places. As these things sorely try, so should they stimulate, the faith of our people, and arouse them to proportionate prayer and effort. Faithful is He who hath promised that the cry of his people shall be heard, and their labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

WM. S. PLUMER, *Moderator.*

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions would respectfully report, that they have used all possible diligence to advance the interests of this great cause, and, as they humbly hope, not without some measure of success. A general survey of the work, both in its home and foreign aspects, brings to view facts alike favorable and unfavorable—the one class calling for serious and prayerful thought on the part of the people of God, and the other for expressions of sincere gratitude to the great Head of the Church. No great enterprise of Christian benevolence is ever successfully carried out in this sin-ridden world without alternations of shade and light, hope and anxiety; and least of all are we to expect exemption from such alternations in that great undertaking which contemplates nothing less than the entire evangelisation of all the great heathen nations of the earth. To expect an achievement of such vast magnitude without encountering and overcoming difficulties and discouragements of somewhat corresponding proportions, is not only to misapprehend the true nature of that disciplinary training which God has appointed his people here, but it is also to misapprehend the nature and conditions of that terrible warfare that must be waged before the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

The afflictive events referred to are those mainly that have taken place in connexion with the

CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE.

It is only a few weeks since the papers announced the death of the Rev. Elias B. Inslee, the founder of the Chinese Mission. It will be remembered that his suffering condition was announced in the last Assembly, and that special prayer was then offered in his behalf. He continued to decline until the autumn, when it was found absolutely necessary for him to return to this country with his family. They arrived at San Francisco on the 17th November, and a few days after they reached Louisville, Ky., where they remained during the greater part of the winter, receiving much kindness from Christian friends in that place. He reached New Orleans the early part of April, but died on the 8th of the same, at the house of his friend, Dr. Doremus, after a good deal of severe bodily suffering, but with great calmness and submissiveness to the divine will. He left his large and helpless family, in his own expressive language, “to God and the Church.” God will undoubtedly show himself to be the husband of the widow and the father of the orphan. Will the Church be mindful of the charge committed to its care? Mr. Inslee labored nearly fourteen years in China, and has scarcely been surpassed for zeal and devotion to his work. Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury, D. D., the founder of the Choctaw Mission, and for more than fifty years an active and untiring laborer in connexion with it, departed this life on the 27th of June, after severe and somewhat protracted sickness. The last Assembly, being informed of his enfeebled condition, directed a letter of condolence and sympathy to be addressed to him. He

lived to hear of the kind intention of the Assembly; but before the letter itself reached its destination, he had been called up higher. Few ministers have left behind a brighter record. He had many noble associates in the missionary work; but to none more than himself are the Choctaws indebted for all the social, intellectual, civil, and religious progress they have made in the last half century. His name is held in the highest veneration by that whole people, and eternity alone will show how much he has done to promote their spiritual and everlasting welfare. Rev. Thomas H. Benton, an ordained Choctaw minister, and for a number of years an active missionary laborer among his own people, was called to his rest in the early part of March. A letter received at the Mission Rooms since his death states that the four churches in which he officiated had received during the year as many as one hundred and sixteen members upon examination, showing that he had been no idler in his Master's vineyard. Thus, in less than six years, the Choctaw Mission has lost as many as six able and effective laborers—four whites and two natives; whilst only two have entered the field in the same period. Will not the people of God remember the Choctaws in the time of their affliction? Rev. T. E. Converse and his wife, after having spent just one year in China, were compelled to return to this country on account of her completely prostrated health. He has since settled over a charge in this country, and it is hoped that he may be very useful in his native land. Rev. Edward Lane, of the Mission of Brazil, is temporarily in this country on business connected with his mission. The Assembly will have the opportunity to hear from his own lips of the condition and prospects of his mission. He is kindly commended to the churches where he may have the opportunity to present the claims of his mission, and especially to such of our Christian people as may have it in their power to aid in the purchase of the necessary buildings for the mission in Campinas. Rev. W. J. B. Lloyd, of the Presbytery of Ouachita, was appointed to the Choctaw Mission soon after the adjournment of the last Assembly. He reached the Choctaw country soon after, and has since then been actively engaged in his work.

THE WHOLE MISSIONARY FORCE.

The whole missionary force is now twelve ordained missionaries, of whom three are natives of the country where they live; one native licentiate, seven female assistant missionaries, and eight native helpers—twenty-eight in all, and all depending upon the churches for the means of their support. One missionary and one female assistant missionary are appointed to the Chinese Mission, and expect to leave for that field by the first of September. A number of other persons are in correspondence with the Mission Office in relation to engaging in the same great work, some of whom will be ready, it is hoped, in a few months to embark for other fields where they are much needed.

FINANCE.

The receipts from all sources, including \$3,516.68 given by Sabbath-schools and \$108.50 arising from subscriptions to the *Missionary*, amount to \$27,295.72. This does not include a balance of \$3,247.31 mentioned in the last Annual Report. By comparison with last year's report, it will be seen that the contributions of this year are \$390.41 in advance of those of the last. In some respects, this is a very encouraging result. The stringency in the money market, especially during the last half of the year, has been very great, and our people, therefore, must have made their contributions at greater personal sacrifice. During the first seven months of the ecclesiastical year, the receipts fell behind those of the corresponding months of the previous year as much as \$4,577. This was an alarming state of things, and it became necessary to lay the facts of the case before the churches. The result of this was that the receipts of the last five months exceeded those of the corresponding months of the previous year as much as \$4,784; so that the aggregate receipts of the year are several hundred dollars in advance of those of the previous year.

Still, however, the receipts have not been sufficient to meet the demands of

the cause, and for almost the first time in the history of our missionary operations, the Committee are compelled to report a debt, amounting, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, to \$5,505.99. The Committee greatly regret this, as contrary both to usage and policy; but it could not be avoided without great, if not irreparable, injury to this sacred cause. The Committee laid their plans of operation at the beginning of the year with the reasonable expectation that there would be an increase in the contributions, as there had been the year before. In this, however, they have been mistaken, except to the amount of a few hundred dollars. At the same time, unexpected and unforeseen expenses have been incurred, especially in connexion with the return of two afflicted families from the Chinese Mission. In the prosecution of the work of Sustentation, it is possible, and undoubtedly the wisest policy, to avoid debt altogether. When appropriations are made at the beginning of the year, it is not only done with a clearer and more definite idea of what the aggregate funds will be, but with the distinct understanding at the same time that the second semi-annual instalments will be paid in full only on the condition that the churches will furnish the necessary means to do so. But a moment's reflection will show that no such policy can or ought to be adopted in relation to the brethren we send to the distant ends of the earth. Most of them are so far off that it requires three or four months to effect an interchange of letters. Should the churches for some cause relax their contributions, or should some great financial crisis arise in the country, such as to suggest the necessity of curtailment in the missionary work, it would not only require weeks and months to convey the intelligence to them, but it might find them under pecuniary obligations already assumed that they could not lay aside without great detriment to the work in which they are engaged. More than this. The only feasible plan by which these brethren can receive funds for their support and for carrying on their work is for them to draw upon well-known commercial or banking-houses in England or in this country, it being understood and arranged that the Treasurer shall always have funds on hand to meet such drafts as they become due. A single failure on the part of the Treasurer to meet one of these drafts, especially as we are yet so little known to the commercial world, would not only be a great embarrassment to us in the present state of affairs, but it might prevent us from carrying on the missionary work at all for many years to come. It was to meet an emergency of the kind that the present debt was incurred; and the Church is indebted to the Treasurer for interposing his personal responsibility to prevent what might otherwise have become a very serious embarrassment to the future prosecution of the work.

It is not known that the number of contributing churches has been materially increased during the year. It is still true that not more than one-half of the churches contribute at all to this cause. It is not for the Committee to say where the fault of this lies, except to express the conviction that the evil will not be remedied until Presbyteries will take the matter in hand, and give it all the earnest and patient attention which its great importance demands. It is gratifying to notice that the observance of the monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world is becoming more general; and the results of this are becoming very obvious. The people of God are not only interested and edified, but the contributions made on these occasions begin to form an important item in the receipts of the treasury. If the observance of this season of prayer were adopted in all our churches, it would no doubt result in the doubling of the general receipts in a very short time. It is also desirable that the *Missionary* paper should be more extensively circulated among the people. Their interest in this great cause must be measured by the amount of their knowledge; and until they are better informed in relation to its condition and progress, they cannot be relied upon for that steady support which it ought to have.

The contributions from the Sabbath-schools amount to \$3,516.68, exceeding those of the previous year by \$83.33. It is scarcely necessary to enlarge upon the great importance of bringing all our Sunday-schools into hearty co-operation in this great work. Apart from the pecuniary advantages arising from

such co-operation, how important to the moral and religious training of our youths themselves to have their sympathies enlisted in so pure and holy a cause! What better moral safeguard could possibly be thrown around their moral character, or what higher or holier aspirations could possibly be enkindled in their youthful hearts?

THE MISSIONARY WORK IN GENERAL.

The prospects of this great work, apart from the afflictive dispensations just referred to, were never more encouraging. God's set time to favor Zion seems to be at hand. In almost every portion of the heathen world there are signs of the coming of Messiah's kingdom. The valleys are being raised up, the mountains and hills brought low, the crooked ways made straight, and the rough places plain, that a highway may be prepared for the coming of our God. It is one of the most distinguished honors conferred upon our beloved Church that she should have been called to take a part in this great work, and it is earnestly hoped that she will show herself worthy of the great honor and privilege that has been bestowed upon her.

So far as our own missionary labors are concerned, the details have been brought so fully to the attention of our people through the *Missionary* and the religious weekly journals, that there seems no occasion for entering extensively into such details in this report. It is proposed, therefore, to give only a very brief outline of the condition of the different missions.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

Our labors, as is already known, extend to four of the principal tribes in the southwestern Indian Territory, viz., the Choctaws, the Chickasaws, the Creeks, and the Cherokees. The Choctaws and the Chickasaws are substantially the same people, and the latter are only incidentally included with the former so far as our missionary labors are concerned.

Choctaw Mission.—Since the removal of Dr. Kingsbury and Mr. Benton, only three ordained missionaries and one native licentiate remain in the field, viz., Rev. Messrs. Allen Wright, James H. Colton, W. J. B. Lloyd, and Elijah Brewer, licentiate. Upon these four brethren has been devolved the care of seventeen churches, besides twice that number of out-stations where they occasionally preach. They are assisted by a number of native elders, several of whom have showed commendable zeal and ability in keeping up religious meetings in the absence of the pastors. There have been added to these churches during the year as many as 201 persons, and all except nine upon examination. The whole number of church membership is nine hundred and sixteen. Their contributions to the Assembly's schemes have been \$145. Two new church edifices, one at Boggy Depot and another at Big Lick, have been finished during the year; and efforts are now being made in many of the churches at self-sustentation.

Spencer Academy.—The Committee, after much prayerful consideration, have determined to resuscitate the school for boys at Spencer Academy. Such an institution is greatly needed in the Nation, but the Choctaws do not themselves feel able to conduct it, and the Committee were forced to the alternative of undertaking its management or allow it to fall into hands that would probably make it a curse instead of a blessing to the Nation. The Committee have special reference to training teachers and preachers. The school is to have sixty boys, for whose support the Nation is to provide; but the Committee will have to provide for the support of the superintendent and two teachers.

Creek Mission.—Rev. J. M. Perryman, elected a member of this Assembly, is our only missionary among the Creeks. His principal station is at North Fork. He is cheered from time to time by tokens of the divine favor. He has received twelve persons to the communion of the church during the year,

making the whole membership twenty-two. A plain church edifice has been erected during the year, and is used for public worship. There is one out-station, five miles distant from North Fork, where the attendance upon public preaching is large, and where there are a goodly number of persons who seem to be anxious about their salvation.

Cherokee Mission.—Rev. Stephen Foreman labors at Park Hill, about five miles from Tahlequah, the capital of the Nation. He has two out-stations where occasional preaching is maintained, the one about five miles, and the other seventeen, from Park Hill. A neat and comfortable house of worship has been fitted up at the principal station, in which religious services of some kind or other are maintained every Sabbath. The number of church members is seventeen, though it is probable that additions have been made since the date of our last letter. Rev. Hamilton Balentine labors near Chetopa, in the northwest corner of the Territory, and about eighty miles from Tahlequah. The population immediately around him consists of Cherokees, Shawnees, and whites, generally very poor, but orderly and industrious, and apparently desirous of being made acquainted with the truth. A church has been organised, and embraces nine members.

ITALIAN MISSION.

Nothing of a very marked character has taken place in the condition of this mission during the year. Miss Ronzone still labors in the school at Bordighera, but employs her pen at the same time to advance the cause of pure religion in her native land. She was permitted to receive two of her relatives into the school which she teaches, in relation to whose spiritual welfare she has encouraging hopes.

MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

Mr. Pratt and family have enjoyed excellent health during the year, and have been treated with great kindness both by foreigners and natives. The attendance upon public preaching has been variable, as in former years; but the attendance upon the Sabbath-school has been good and steady, and it is hoped that it may become the instrument of great good. Mr. Pratt has made several preaching tours to the towns and villages to the south and south-east of Barranquilla, and has found a wide door opened for preaching wherever he has gone. He is thoroughly convinced that the time has come for the enlargement of the mission, and he desires that a minister and a teacher should be sent out as speedily as possible. His journal of a tour into the interior will be published in the forthcoming number of the *Missionary*, and deserves to be carefully read by all friends of missions.

BRAZIL MISSION.

In no part of the Papal world are the prospects of missionary labor perhaps more encouraging than in Brazil. The prestige of Romanism seems to be gone; the people are anxious for instruction; the Government appears to entertain kindly feelings towards Protestant missionaries, and the gospel is preached without let or hindrance. At Campinas, the headquarters of our missionary operations, the attendance upon preaching is constantly increasing, the Sabbath-school for children and the night-school for adults are largely attended, and much of the good seed is being sown in the hearts of the people. An institution for learning, especially where boys and young men can be fitted for teaching and preaching the gospel, is greatly needed; and as a part of the object of Mr. Lane's visit to this country is to obtain means for the establishment of such an institution, it is earnestly hoped that his mission will be regarded with great favor by all who love the missionary cause and pray for the coming of Christ's kingdom.

CHINA MISSION.

This mission, as already mentioned, has been sorely afflicted during the year. First, in the reduction of their working force; second, in repeated attacks of sickness on the part of those who have remained in the field; and, third, in the unsettled condition of the country—threatening at times the interruption of all missionary work. Our missionary brethren, nevertheless, are quietly pursuing the work, feeling assured that all these untoward events will be overruled for good. They have been a good deal oppressed by the undue amount of labor that has been devolved upon them, but they have encouraging tokens of the divine presence from time to time. They need very much to be reinforced; and the Committee are happy to report that one missionary and one assistant female missionary are expected to embark for that mission by the first of September. In the meantime the mission is earnestly commended to the prayerful remembrance of all God's people.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

As a Church we have reached a most important, if not a critical, period in the history of our missionary operations; and it would seem as if God intended to put our zeal and steadiness to a severe test. In relation to the great work of evangelising the world, we have put our hand to the plough, and it now remains to be seen, whether, in view of the difficulties and discouragements that have thrown themselves across our pathway, we shall go steadily forward or turn aside. If from indifference, opposition, or any other cause whatever, we shall be turned aside, it will not only paralyse our best energies, but will test the very life of the Church itself. On the other hand, if we can meet the demands of the emergency with cheerfulness and steadiness of purpose, notwithstanding all these outward discouragements and difficulties, it will not only inaugurate a new period of spiritual life in the history of the Church, but will give a new and powerful impulse to all its schemes of benevolence. We need at the present time, as may be inferred from the foregoing remarks, not only a very considerable number of missionary laborers, but a large increase in the contributions of the churches for the support of the work. There is not one of our missions that does not need to be reinforced, if we would gather all the rich fruits which the providence of God is bringing within our reach. Our missionary brethren, especially in China and South America, need better and more commodious habitations than we have heretofore been able to afford them, and they need at the same time to have suitable chapels and school rooms. Larger provision needs to be made for educating and training native teachers and preachers; and until this is done, our work is carried on at great disadvantage. Moreover, if new missionaries are sent out, their outfit will have to be provided, their passage paid, as well as other expenses that must necessarily be met. The Committee after a careful consideration of the whole matter, have come to the conclusion that it will require at least \$45,000 to meet current expenses and pay the debt. This will require an increase of a little more than fifty per cent. on last year's contributions, or an average of a little more than fifty cents to each church member. Shall the Committee go forward on the presumption that this amount will be furnished? If not, where shall curtailment be made? Shall we say to our young brethren who have been prompted, as we have reason to believe they have been, by the Holy Ghost to engage in this work, We cannot send you? Shall we say to the brethren already in the field and borne down by the heat and burden of the day, You must toil on, we cannot send you help? What response shall be given to the dying injunctions of Kingsbury and Inslee to send men to occupy their vacated places? Are we willing to be classed with those of whom it shall be said, They began to build, but were not able to finish? How shall we answer to the great Head of the Church for having become wearied in a cause that is so dear to his heart? How shall we, in the great day of accounts,

answer to the millions of lost heathen who ought to have heard the glad tidings of salvation at our lips?

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON.

Secretary of Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, APRIL 1, 1871.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in account with James Woodrow, Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

DR.		
To cash paid to Missionaries to Indians,		\$6,128 01
“ “ “ “ China,		18,477 08
“ “ “ “ Brazil,		5,394 54
“ “ “ “ Colombia,		1,911 62
“ “ “ “ Italy,		600 00
“ “ for printing the “ <i>Missionary</i> ,”		864 00
“ “ salaries of officers and clerk-hire,		2,000 00
“ “ travelling expenses on official business,		204 00
“ “ printing Reports of 1869 and 1870, and circulars,		297 90
“ “ office expenses, (postage and stationery, etc.),		116 10
“ “ exchange account,		13 32
“ “ periodicals, etc., to Missionaries,		132 75
To uncurrent money in Treasury April 1, 1871,		156 70
		\$36,296 02

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By donations from churches, etc., from April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871,		\$23,670 54
“ “ from April 1, 1869, to April 1, 1870, not included in last general report,		42 00
“ “ from Sabbath-schools, etc.,		3,516 68
“ subscriptions for “ <i>Missionary</i> ,”		108 50
“ uncurrent money in Treasury April 1, 1870,		205 00
“ balance in Treasury April 1, 1870, (current funds),		3,247 31
Balance due Treasurer April 1, 1871,		5,505 99
		\$36,296 02

JAMES WOODROW, *Treasurer.*

Columbia, S. C., April 8, 1871.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF SUSTENTATION.

The Executive Committee of Sustentation, in presenting their Fifth Annual Report, would respectfully premise that they have always regarded the functions of the Sustentation scheme as of a twofold character, viz., to provide means to enable feeble churches to support the preaching of the gospel, in which is included assistance in the erection or repairs of church buildings; and to afford aid in carrying on the missionary or evangelistic work in the bounds of our different Presbyteries. In both departments it simply co-operates with the Presbyteries, or with their committees of missions, but never undertakes the separate or independent control of either branch of the work. It may, by the express directions of the Assembly, inaugurate a work of missions in portions of the common country lying beyond the proper boundaries of the Church, but in no portion of the country that is directly or constructively embraced within the jurisdiction of any of our Presbyteries.

Up to the present time much the largest proportion of the funds committed to the care of the Committee has been devoted to sustaining feeble churches and aiding in the erection of church buildings. The effort has been made all the while, however, to get these feeble churches on a self-sustaining basis as speedily as possible, that the bulk of the funds might be devoted more largely to what may be regarded as the missionary or aggressive work. But a variety of circumstances have conspired to retard this process of adjustment. The complete prostration in which a large number of the churches were left at the close of the war; the removal of church members from one part of the country to another since that time; the repeated failure of the crops, and the low price of most of the staple products of the country; the unsettled political condition of the country and heavy taxation, with other causes of a like nature, have kept our people in straitened circumstances, and have prevented them from doing as much for the support of the gospel as they otherwise would have done. Besides this, the great dearth of ministers prevailing at the present time has left hundreds of our churches with only occasional preaching, so that our missionary efforts for the present are mainly directed to keeping these feeble churches alive; and this, in fact, is what is denominated the missionary or evangelistic work in most of our Presbyteries. It will undoubtedly be found necessary to dissolve a good many of these church organisations, especially such as give no signs of recuperation, with the view of establishing others that will not only be self-sustaining, but will be able to do something for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, instead of being mere burdens to sister churches. Too much care cannot be exercised to organise churches only where they will be likely to grow and become effective in the service of the Redeemer. The prosperity and effectiveness of any particular branch of the Church is not to be estimated so much by the number of its separate organisations as by the strength and energy of those which compose it. The energies of any particular Church may be completely paralysed by attempting to sustain an undue number of feeble, dependent, and eleemosynary churches, instead of establishing and cherishing only such as will not only be self-supporting but will help to bear the common burden. The same principle ought to be carefully observed in carrying on what is usually denominated the evangelistic work. All the feeble churches placed under the care of a particular evangelist ought to be assessed to the full extent of their ability to provide his support, and in ordinary circumstances they ought not to expect a larger share of his time and labors than they can give proportionately towards his support. If any particular advantage is gained by preaching the gospel without charge, as many feel that it should be done, it is perhaps more than counterbalanced by leaving the benevolence of the people unexercised. But to the poor the gospel must be preached; and notwithstanding all the pains

we may take to make men do their duty in supporting the gospel, there will always be many to whom it will have to be preached gratuitously, as well as feeble churches that will need the helping hand of their stronger sisters. What is particularly needed in the present circumstances of our beloved Church is the development among our people of a spirit of energy, faith, self-reliance, and active Christian benevolence.

FINANCE.

The receipts from all sources, including \$6,503.42 given for the relief of disabled ministers and the widows and orphans of ministers deceased, amounts to \$29,293.78. This shows a decrease in the receipts, as compared with last year's, of \$607.31—*i. e.*, a decrease in the general fund of \$640.41, and an increase of the invalid fund of \$33.10. This decline in the contributions of the churches, though greatly to be regretted on several accounts, is by no means an indication of a retrograde movement. It has never been the aim of the Sustentation scheme, as understood by the Committee, to accumulate a large fund in the central Treasury simply for aiding feeble churches, but it has aimed rather to stimulate these churches through the medium of their Presbyteries or Presbyterial Committees, to give their pastors better salaries, and have the money go directly from the congregation to the pastor, instead of taking the circuitous route by way of the central Treasury. This would not only be the most natural course, but it would indicate a more healthful condition on the part of the churches themselves. In every case, therefore, where a feeble church that has heretofore been receiving aid from the central fund increases its pastor's salary, it not only relieves the central Treasury to that amount, but it contributes that much to the general cause of Sustentation. In estimating the results of the scheme, therefore, we must inquire what advance has actually been made in the matter of ministerial support. In solving this question the Committee have not all the statistical information necessary to give precise results, and offer therefore only an approximation. From information derived from twenty-seven Presbyteries, they find that there are only two of these in which the average salary of ministers falls below \$500; five where the average salary is between \$500 and \$600; eight between \$600 and \$700; six between \$700 and \$800; two between \$800 and \$900; one at \$900; another at \$1,240; a third at \$1,500; and a fourth \$2,000. According to this basis, together with some other collateral statistics, it is found that the average salary throughout the Church (not taking into account the salaries of city ministers, Professors in Colleges and Theological Seminaries and Secretaries,) amounts to about \$650; which, according to such other facts as have been brought together, shows an advance on the average salary given three years ago of at least \$150. Taking this view of the matter, which is undoubtedly the correct one, the progress made is very encouraging, and calls for expressions of sincere gratitude to the great Head of the Church.

Notwithstanding this indirect progress in the matter of ministerial support, however, (which it is earnestly hoped may go on with accelerated rapidity,) the funds contributed to this cause during the past year have not been sufficient to meet its urgent demands. The Committee have been compelled to decline, in part or whole, a great many urgent applications for assistance, both for the support of feeble churches and in the erection of church buildings. Nor have they been able to meet all the demands in connexion with the missionary or evangelistic work. Had the contributions been fifty per cent. greater than they were, they would not more than have met the real wants of the case.

The Committee have constantly kept in view the injunction of the Assembly to make the effort to raise the salary of every laboring minister in the Church to \$750 as the *minimum*; and while there has been a decided advance towards this result, it has not yet been fully realised, and mainly for reasons set forth in the last annual report. The chief responsibility in relation to this matter rests with Presbyteries and Presbyterial Committees. The central Committee can do little more in the matter than distribute as equitably and judiciously as possible the funds that may be committed to their care for this purpose.

It is the province of the Presbytery, or its Committee, to see, first, that every church under its care is doing its full duty in supporting its pastor; and, second, that every church contributes according to its ability to the general fund, and thus to provide the means for helping those churches and those Presbyteries that are really poor, as well as for carrying on the general missionary work. The Committee feel the strongest conviction, that if the Presbyterial Committees will rise to the demands of the emergency, and bestow all the labor on the matter that its great importance deserves, that the salary of every laboring minister may be raised at once to \$800 as the *minimum*, and that no less amount should be aimed at.

The accompanying tabular view, prepared by the Treasurer, is herewith submitted to the Assembly, and is intended to be a supplement to this report. It is so clear and full, as to the contributions to the general fund, the manner in which it has been disbursed, the number of churches that have contributed, and other statistics of like nature, that it needs no explanation, and calls for no general remarks, except the single one, perhaps, that the Committee in disbursing the fund committed to their care have not aimed so much to *equalize* the distribution among the different Presbyteries, but have had regard rather to the varied and peculiar circumstances of the different sections of the Church, and in this way have carried out the true and original intent of the scheme. A glance at the paper under consideration will show that the churches of four Synods have contributed more than they have received from the general fund; whilst six have contributed less than they have received. The former class includes the Synods of Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, whilst the latter includes the Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, Memphis, Nashville, Arkansas, and Texas—the Synod of Kentucky having co-operated only to a nominal extent. How much has been contributed outside of the general fund for the support of evangelists, the Committee have not been able to ascertain with any degree of accuracy. Eleven Presbyteries report their intention to raise something more than \$7,000; but what amount will actually be raised is uncertain.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

This fund has amounted this year to \$6,503.42, an increase of \$33.10 over what was given last year. Seventy-eight individuals or families have received aid during the year, varying from \$50 to \$175. Of these seventy-eight families, thirteen are included in the Synod of Virginia; fourteen in the Synod of North Carolina; fourteen in the Synod of South Carolina; seven in the Synod of Georgia; four in the Synod of Alabama; five in the Synod of Mississippi; two in the Synod of Texas; three in the Synod of Arkansas; three in the Synod of Memphis; and two in the Synod of Nashville. For minuter details in relation to the distribution of this fund, the Assembly is referred to a full statistical account prepared by the Treasurer, and herewith submitted.

RELIEF FUND.

The Committee regret to have to report, that the scheme authorised by the last Assembly for the relief of ministers' families at their decease has not met with all the favor on the part of the great body of the churches that was expected, or its great importance deserves. As yet, only about two-thirds of the number requisite to put the plan in operation have signified their intention to enter into the arrangement. Among these, however, are a large number of our wealthiest and most intelligent congregations, as well as many of our leading and prominent ministers, who have not only examined the scheme with the utmost care, but are thoroughly convinced that it is alike practicable and suited to the wants and circumstances of the Church. The tardiness or reluctance of the great body of the churches to enter into the arrangement proceeds from a variety of causes. In many cases it has not been brought to the consideration of the congregations at all, but has lain as a still-born thing

in the hands of the officers of the Church. The felt poverty of many of our churches has made them unwilling to assume this additional burden, not remembering, however, how light that burden might be made by adopting some systematic plan for raising the necessary funds. In a few cases it has been declined from what the Committee has every reason to believe was a misapprehension of its practical working. In other cases it has been declined on the ground that the congregation had already taken out a life insurance policy for its minister, and preferred that mode of making provision for his family. Of course no exception is taken to any such course on the part of our people. But the Assembly's plan has encountered more active opposition from the agents of life assurance than from any other source. The Committee makes no issue with the principles or the policy of life assurance whatever; but, so far as they can judge, its provisions are not such as to meet the peculiar exigencies of our Church. In the first place, there are many in the Church, both ministers and laymen, who are opposed to the use of any such agency from conscientious scruples, and their scruples ought not to be disregarded. In the second place, all our older ministers, from the very terms and conditions of life assurance, are virtually excluded from participation in its benefits; and is it really right to adopt any plan that would exclude brethren that have spent the vigor of their lives in building up the Redeemer's kingdom? In the third place, would it not greatly strengthen all the bonds of Christian affection and brotherhood to have such an institution in the bosom of the Church? And if the plan under consideration should be finally rejected, and it be left to every church to insure the life of its minister or not as may suit its views, how many of them will, in all probability, make any provision at all?

The Committee, in reporting the existing state of feeling on the subject, would avail themselves of the opportunity to reiterate their unabated confidence, not only in the wise and practical character of the scheme itself, but equally in its urgent necessity and peculiar adaptation to the wants of our Church.

The matter of ministerial support, of which this forms an important element, is with us the great question of the day, if indeed it is not the question of a rising or falling Church. We have already lost scores of effective ministers from the want of proper support, and we may lose scores of others if the evil under consideration is not speedily remedied. Young men are standing aloof from this sacred calling, because they clearly foresee that it will necessarily involve them and their families in distressing poverty. And what must be the conviction forced upon their minds by the rejection of this plan on the part of the churches, but simply that our people either are not willing, or not able to provide for them while living, nor for their families when they are gone? Almost every other branch of the evangelical Church is making some kind of provision for the families of their ministers, and they have been driven to this measure from a sense of duty, as well as from the circumstances of the times; why, therefore, should we falter or hesitate in the matter, especially when our circumstances, both as a Church and people render it more imperative than it possibly can be with any other branch of the Church.

The Church undoubtedly ought to have some scheme of the kind. If the one already recommended can be demonstrated to be impracticable or unsuited to the object proposed; or, if any better plan can be offered, the Assembly ought undoubtedly to accept it. But in relation to a matter of such great importance, we want no crude suggestions or half-digested plans, but something that can stand the test of severe scrutiny, and, at the same time, something that will be more acceptable to the churches than the one under consideration.

Before concluding, it is important to state that the Assembly's scheme has been very thoroughly discussed at the spring meetings of several of the Presbyteries, and so far as can be learned with the most favorable conclusions; and it is confidently believed that close examination and thorough discussion is all that is needed to render it popular and acceptable to the churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of Sustentation.

J. LEIGHTON WILSON,
Secretary of Sustentation.

Table showing the amount received by each Presbytery and Synod from the Executive Committee of Sustentation, and the amount contributed by each, from April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871.

PRESBYTERIES AND SYNODS.	Received from Executive Committee.	Contributed by Churches, etc.
Presbytery of East Alabama, . . . South Alabama, . . . Tuskaloosa, . . .	\$550 00 1,050 00 50 00	\$437 70 1,103 80 437 63
Synod of Alabama, . . .	1,650 00	1,979 13
Presbytery of Arkansas, . . . Indian, . . . Ouachita, . . .	925 00 . . . 275 00	556 15 10 00 166 65
Synod of Arkansas, . . .	1,200 00	732 80
Georgia Domestic Missionary Society, . . . Presbytery of Atlanta, . . . Augusta, . . . Cherokee, . . . Florida, . . . Macon, . . . Savannah, . . .	. . . 350 00 800 00 950 00 560 00 . . . 425 00	278 80 468 40 1,581 97 323 75 146 45 232 00 221 35
Synod of Georgia, . . .	3,085 00	3,252 72
Presbytery of Chickasaw, . . . Memphis, . . . North Mississippi, . . . Western District, . . .	575 00 375 00 460 00 75 00	246 25 859 58 112 35 91 35
Synod of Memphis, . . .	1,485 00	1,309 53
Presbytery of Central Mississippi, . . . Louisiana, . . . Mississippi, . . . New Orleans, . . . Red River, . . . Tombeckbee, . . .	640 00 400 00 225 00 125 00 100 00 487 50	298 00 73 50 437 75 1,289 76 143 20 137 15
Synod of Mississippi, . . .	1,977 50	2,379 36
Presbytery of Holston, . . . Knoxville, . . . Nashville, . . . North Alabama, . . .	350 00 384 00 250 00 450 00	124 92 124 50 815 80 186 75
Synod of Nashville, . . .	1,434 00	1,251 97

PRESBYTERIES AND SYNODS.	Received from Executive Committee.	Contributed by Churches, etc.
Presbytery of Concord, . . . Fayetteville, . . . Mecklenburg, . . . Orange, . . . Wilmington, . . .	\$1,000 00 350 00 287 50 942 50 600 00	\$660 81 203 96 187 53 628 93 189 78
Synod of North Carolina, . . .	3,180 00	1,871 01
Presbytery of Bethel, . . . Charleston, . . . Harmony, . . . South Carolina, . . .	200 00 550 00 1,202 50 . . .	378 20 471 33 672 12 274 25
Synod of South Carolina, . . .	1,952 50	1,795 90
Presbytery of Brazos, . . . Central Texas, . . . Eastern Texas, . . . Western Texas, . . .	. . . 1,300 00 425 00 425 00	60 00 262 17 79 25 140 73
Synod of Texas, . . .	2,150 00	542 15
Presbytery of Abingdon, . . . Chesapeake, . . . East Hanover, . . . Greenbrier, . . . Lexington, . . . Montgomery, . . . Roanoke, . . . West Hanover, . . . Winchester, . . .	387 50 . . . 550 00 525 00 . . . 587 50 583 00 762 50 812 50	202 70 168 00 1,353 68 278 76 338 21 484 82 424 31 466 11 610 75
Synod of Virginia, . . .	4,208 00	4,327 34
To aid Missionary in going to Texas, . . .	150 00	
Synod of Kentucky, . . .	. . .	218 95
Miscellaneous, (outside this Church), . . .	. . .	2,229 50
Appropriation returned by Pres. of East Hanover, . . .	. . .	800 00
Appropriation returned by Pres. of Winchester, . . .	. . .	100 00

The above is an extract from the Tabular View referred to on page 51.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUSTENTATION, APRIL 1, 1871.

*The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in
account with James Woodrow, Treasurer of Sustentation.*

DR.

To cash paid evangelists, domestic missionaries, and to supplement pastors' salaries.....	\$21,497 00
To cash paid to aid in rebuilding and repairing churches.....	975 00
To cash paid salaries of officers and clerk-hire.....	2,000 00
To cash paid travelling expenses of officers on official business.....	273 00
To cash paid printing reports of 1869 and 1870, and circulars.....	283 30
To cash paid office expenses, (postage, stationery, etc.).....	106 25
To cash paid exchange account.....	19 75
To balance in Treasury, April 1, 1871.....	3,625 80
	\$28,780 10

CR.

By donations from churches and individuals from April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871, (including appropriations returned, \$900).....	\$22,790 36
By balance in Treasury, April 1, 1870.....	5,989 74
	\$28,780 10

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

DR.

To cash paid disabled ministers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers from April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871.....	\$7,400 00
To balance in Treasury, April 1, 1871.....	1,377 05
	\$8,777 05

CR.

By donations from churches and individuals, from April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871.....	\$6,503 42
By balance in Treasury, April 1, 1870.....	2,273 63
	\$8,777 05

JAMES WOODROW,
Treasurer of Sustentation.

Columbia, S. C., April 8th, 1871.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of Education, in presenting its Tenth Annual Report to the General Assembly, has the pleasure of stating that the whole amount of receipts into the Treasury during the year is \$18,871.68, which, with the balance from last year of \$177.07, makes a sum total of \$19,048.75; and that the whole number of students to whom aid has been extended is 121. This shows an increase of contributions into the treasury over the sum reported last year of \$1,502.59, and an increase of 13 in the number of students aided. So that again, under the smiles of the divine favor, and notwithstanding many embarrassments, the Church has cause of thankfulness that this work manifests decided progress during the year, as it has done during every preceding year from the beginning. The number of students reported as receiving aid from this Committee in 1866, was 1; in 1867 the number was 18; in 1868 it was 43; in 1869 it was 80; in 1870 it was 108; and now in 1871 it is 121. This statement shows a steady and most encouraging advancement in the number of students seeking the sacred office, to fill up the broken ranks of the ministry, and to take possession of the waste places of Zion. The receipts into the treasury during the same period, in like manner show a healthful advancement of interest in this work on the part of the Church. In 1866, the receipts reported were \$217; in 1867, \$1,657.43; in 1868, \$3,110; in 1869, \$11,858.36; in 1870, \$17,369.09; and now in 1871, the Treasurer reports \$18,871.68.

This is a very encouraging statement, in view of the many inconveniences and embarrassments which had to be overcome in the prosecution of this work; but still the receipts come far short of meeting the appropriations to the students asked for by the Presbyteries.

The appropriations made to students this year amount in the aggregate to \$22,233.82; but of this sum, as far as now ascertained, \$1,268.23 will not be called for, because, for various reasons, the studies of several of the young brethren have been interrupted, one of whom, a candidate of the Presbytery of Holston, was removed by death. This leaves the remainder of the appropriations to students for this year \$20,965.59. It took \$1,991.02 to pay the balances of the appropriations due to our candidates at the close of the last Annual Report. The other expenses of the Committee were \$1,624.12. So that the whole amount required to be met was \$24,580.73. But the funds furnished to Union Theological Seminary, either from its own scholarships or by contributions sent directly to that institution, enabled it to aid us in paying the grants made to its students to the amount of \$1,110; so that it only required \$1,950 to pay appropriations aggregating \$3,060. Add \$1,110 to our gross receipts, and there is obtained \$20,158.75 to be subtracted from the gross claims against the Committee. It will be seen, therefore, that there is a deficit of \$4,421.93.

The students at our Theological Seminaries have received their appropriations in full, according to the standing rule given by the Assembly of 1866; and the students in their college course have received about two-thirds of their allowances, and in some instances, where special funds have been furnished for the purpose, they have received even a larger proportion. Moreover, the Committee found itself under the necessity of carrying out in some instances the resolution of the Assembly of 1869, recommending that those Presbyteries which the most fully co-operate in the raising of funds should have the precedence in times of embarrassment to the treasury. Hence, after making heavy payments to the candidates of some of the Presbyteries whose churches generally had failed to make contributions to the treasury of this Committee, they were informed of our inability to make further remittances to their candidates, owing to the pressure on the treasury. The total amount of payments thus

transferred to the Presbyteries is \$1,930. Taking this amount from the preceding deficit, it reduces it to \$2,491.98—a sum which, as nearly as it can now be ascertained, will cover the claims against the Committee. Should the receipts between this and the end of the college sessions in June be sufficient to enable it to do so, the Committee will gladly come to the aid of the Presbyteries just alluded to, if it shall be found necessary. In resorting to this action, however, care was taken that the sum necessary to be raised by any Presbytery should not be excessive; and it is believed that each of the Presbyteries referred to can easily raise the required amount. Moreover, there is much encouragement to believe that the Presbyteries generally, at their recent meetings, have taken such action as will secure the amount needed to discharge all existing obligations before the close of the college sessions. Even if the receipts in that interval equal those of last year during the same period, it will nearly cover the deficit.

The Committee has done everything in its power to fulfil the mission the Church has intrusted to it. Its sphere is limited; its theatre of action confined within very narrow boundaries. So far as the students are concerned its relation is simply financial; and so far as the General Assembly, the lower courts, and the churches are concerned, its relation is that of an agency for facilitating their work; and with reference to all, its relation is fitly described as an Executive Committee. It originates and can by its constitution originate nothing; it simply executes the orders of the Assembly on the one hand, and responds to the wishes and facilitates the work of the lower courts on the other hand. It is made its imperative duty, by the constitution adopted for its guidance, to keep the Church informed of its wants, and of the actual state of the work intrusted to it; and, in order to accomplish this, surely it is required, at least twice a year, to issue a circular to the Church, informing it of the facts in the case. Accordingly, in September last, the annual circular was issued, which is required by the Assembly previous to the annual collection in November. In this circular it was stated that it would in all likelihood require \$25,000 to meet the necessities of the cause. When the receipts for November were announced by the Treasurer, amounting to only \$1,747.21, the Secretary published a brief note, calling attention to that announcement, not doubting that the ministers and churches which had failed to attend to the collection at the appointed time would do so at an early day. On the 10th day of February, the Committee issued an appeal to the Church for aid, in view of the fact that the claims resting on it for appropriations to students were about \$23,000, whereas its receipts up to that time were only \$9,500; and at that date only 372 churches had contributed to the funds of the Committee. On the 25th of March, under the order of the Committee, a circular was addressed to all the Presbyteries, and published for the information of the Church, giving a full statement of all the facts which the records of the Committee exhibited, viz.: the number of contributing churches in every Presbytery, the whole amount contributed, and the amount of appropriations requested. In these various ways the Committee has aimed to secure the attention of the Church, and to keep the brethren informed as to its wants. If the Committee properly understands the existing orders of the Assembly, it is required to do precisely what it has done; and in so doing it has exhausted its function, as to the matter of securing funds.

While it is necessary to look the embarrassments which surround this work fully in the face, it ought not to be forgotten that in large part they arise from the abundant blessings which Zion's King has bestowed on the Church. Steadily, year by year, in answer to the prayers of his people, he has increased the number of candidates; and thereby is at once showing his condescension to our wants and his love and faithfulness to his Church, and at the same time is calling on that Church to show its faith by its works. He has heard our prayers and has sent his Spirit to the hearts of our choicest youth to call them to preach the gospel, while on his people he makes a corresponding call to furnish the requisite means to enable his young servants to go forward. The reports thus far received show a steady increase of candi-

dates this spring, so that the number seeking the ministry is greater than ever before; and the call on the Church will be larger than during any preceding year for the requisite funds.

And here let it be observed that there is no evidence that the embarrassments of this Committee, and the inconveniences to which our young brethren have been exposed, arise from a lack of interest in the cause on the part of our Christian people. On the other hand, there are manifestations that the heart of the Church is in it, and that the people of God are not only raising their voices in prayer to him for an increase of candidates, and for his blessing on the work, but also that they are ready to contribute the needed funds when the subject is brought before them, at a suitable time and in a fit manner. This is made evident by the fact of the steady increase of contributions year by year, and by the interest universally excited throughout the Church, when it is made known that funds are needed, and that the students are subjected to annoyance and want because of this fact.

And here it is due to the candidates to give expression to the admiration which the Committee feels at the heroic self-denial which they have exhibited under unusual trials, and at the Christian and filial confidence which they have shown in the disposition of the Church to extend all the aid in its power to her adopted sons, while preparing for their high vocation. They have submitted to much hardship; they have resorted to every expedient for exercising economy; and without exception, so far as there is official information, they have pressed on in their work of preparation without faltering. A number of them, moreover, have economised their resources so as to abate their claims on the Committee; and in all respects, under circumstances of privation and embarrassment, they have exhibited such a spirit as should secure the confidence, the love, and the fostering care of the Church.

In addition to the increase of candidates, and the enlargement of the claims resting on the Church arising therefrom, there are other causes for the stringency of the treasury, some of which are of annual occurrence, but none of which can be removed by any action which it is possible for the Committee to take. The remedy, if there is any, must be devised by the Assembly itself, or by the lower courts.

1. The time for the annual collection for education could scarcely be more unsuitable. It is at the precise season of the year when the lower courts, especially the Synods, are in the habit of meeting; and, in point of fact, at that time several of the largest Synods have been in session each year, so as to keep many ministers away from their pulpits on that day; and nearly all of the Synods meet at such times as to interrupt the proper announcement of the collection by the pastors, so as to obtain the best results. Moreover, the season is an unsuitable one on account of the diversity of climate. In the southern section of the Church, and especially in the large cities where the most liberal collections are obtained, at that season of the year, the precise portion of our people who are most able to aid us are not at home. It is too soon for them to return with safety after the summer's absence. On the other hand, in the more northern sections of the Church, the prevalence of fall rains much interferes with the attendance of our people on public services, and of course collections are not full. As a general rule, the winter is an unsuitable time for these collections in the country churches, and the summer is equally unsuitable for collections in the city churches.

No remedy for these difficulties, which are of constant and periodical occurrence, can be suggested, which does not somewhat affect the whole system of operations devised by the Assembly in 1866, and which still is in operation.

The inconveniences of the present plan, which some then anticipated, have been fully realised. If any remedy can be devised, justice to our young brethren who are led to look to the Church for aid demands that it should be attempted. Not only is the time for the annual collection for this cause unsuitable, as experience shows, for obtaining full success in eliciting the liberality of the Church, but it is placed at so late a period in the collegiate year, that our students suffer much hardship from their pecuniary embarrassments,

even if the collections were ample. The colleges and seminaries open in September usually, though some open in August and others October 1st. On the present plan, no disbursement of funds is possible before the 1st of December, whereas these institutions nearly all require more or less advance payments.

The Committee would venture to make the following suggestions, as practical and practicable remedies of these inconveniences: First. The Assembly might recommend the Presbyteries to inquire into this matter, and ascertain how far the existing plan for systematic benevolence is consistent with the circumstances of the churches within their bounds; and if they find that a different arrangement of the days for the annual collections would be promotive of the object aimed at in eliciting the liberality of our people, to make such a distribution of the days for the annual collections, within their respective bounds, as they may deem expedient; and that the times now appointed by the ordinances of the Assembly be considered in force only where no other arrangement is made by the Presbyteries respectively. Second. The Assembly might order that the time for taking up each collection should be on any suitable Sabbath between the day now designated for it and the day appointed for the last preceding or the next succeeding collection, as the wisdom of the General Assembly shall judge best. In one of these ways, or both of them combined, it is believed there may be found some practicable relief to the present embarrassments.

2. Another cause of the small returns from the annual collection in November was the special collection ordered by several of the Synods last fall, to meet the necessities of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. The appeal which that Committee sent forth to the brethren to come to its rescue touched the heart of the Church, and the money needed was given with alacrity. But, in many instances, it was done by postponing the collection for Education to a subsequent day. So that the receipts for Foreign Missions in November and December exceeded by far the receipts for Education.

3. The funds raised for Education do not, in all parts of the Church, reach the treasury of this Committee, because other objects pertaining to ministerial education demand the attention and secure the liberality of the people. For example, the support of the venerable Theological Seminary at Columbia has fallen in part on the contiguous Synods, because of the great losses which that institution sustained in connexion with the fall of the late Confederacy; and there is official information that the assessments made by the Synods for that object are in many instances subtracted from the collection for Education, and only the surplus is sent to our treasury. These assessments are becoming less year by year, and from the statement of the Board of Directors, made to the last Assembly, it is believed that the increase of endowment and the appreciation of investments will soon enable that ancient and cherished Seminary to become self-sustaining.

4. Another cause of the stringency of the treasury is the steady increase of the amount of the appropriations requested. They are larger, on an average, this year than for any previous year; and the appropriations requested, in many cases, are far in excess of the average appropriations made to candidates by those Boards with which this Church formerly co-operated. This subject was submitted for the consideration of the last Assembly, but no action was taken for the guidance of the Committee in its future course. The limit which we have made to our appropriations is \$250. Every application made by the Presbyteries, within this limit, has been granted; and some have been granted for larger sums than this, when especial funds have been given for the purpose. In the Northern Church, to college students at present the grant is \$125, and to theological students \$150, though in exceptional cases these sums may be increased \$30.

It is very manifest that one of these plans is defective. It is probable that both are. The accepted principle on which the Church has always acted is, that the students are not to be *supported*, but *aided*. If it is the purpose to change this policy, and adopt that of supporting the students, then the present allowances are inadequate for that object.

If it is designed to persevere in the old policy of extending *aid* only to the candidates, so as to encourage them to aid themselves, then there is but little doubt the Church is now attempting too much. The subject demands a fresh consideration at the hands of the Assembly, in view of the fact that there has been found difficulty in obtaining the requisite funds to meet the present scale of appropriations, and also because there is every prospect of a large increase of candidates requiring aid during the next year, which will make the claims on this treasury so much the greater. The danger is, that by attempting too much, the whole work may become embarrassed, the students become involved in debt, and the Church discouraged. It is, therefore, respectfully submitted to the General Assembly, whether it is not advisable that the limit of appropriations be placed at \$200 for theological students, and at \$150 for college students. This would give our students a larger sum than is now allowed by the Northern Board, according to their published rules. Of course, there would still be exceptional cases, where special funds would be appropriated; and others, the reasons for which could be fully spread on the records for examination by the Standing Committee of the Assembly.

In considering the best method of eliciting a liberal response to the claims of this cause, and of the other great causes represented by the four Executive Committees, it is important to remember that the Church is in a transition state from the old system of agencies to the plan of systematic benevolence under ecclesiastical supervision. While the agency system was an excrescence which the Church has wisely cut off, it had the great advantage that it brought the needed information to the knowledge of all who were reached by it; and thus their minds became interested, and their zeal and liberality were stimulated. When the true plan of operations devised by this Assembly is fully inaugurated, it will be found to possess manifold advantages over the old system; it will bring multitudes of churches and families into active participation in our evangelistic work who were never visited by agents, who skimmed over the Church to its great detriment. If the scheme could only be brought into systematic action, so that the whole Church could be reached by each collection, the Committees would obtain all they need. And if the information which was formerly confined to the orbit of the agent could be universally disseminated, it would elicit the interest and develop the liberality of the whole Church—a result which is all that is needed in order to place all our Church enterprises on the high tide of success. The circulars issued by the Executive Committees and published in the weekly journals, do not by any means reach the whole Church or even a majority of our people; and in the midst of the many items of intelligence and interest with which they are surrounded in these journals, they fail to make an adequate impression on the minds of those who read them.

Two suggestions have been made by brethren to overcome this difficulty, which are well worthy of careful consideration.

One of these is, that an effort be made to place the Annual Report of each Committee in the hands of every ruling elder, as well as every minister; and for this object, that the Committees obtain from the Stated Clerks of the respective Presbyteries a full list of all the elders, with their post offices, and mail the Annual Reports to them all.

In some instances, and at the request of brethren in various localities, efforts have been made to send the Annual Report, and also the annual circular, to all the elders, along with the ministers; but in the absence of the list of names with the post offices, it has not been successful. When sent to the Presbytery, the package is usually placed on the Moderator's desk, and but few of the absent ministers or elders ever see them. Could these important documents be thus disseminated throughout the Church, it would doubtless be much promotive of the whole work of evangelisation, and far more than compensate for the necessary outlay.

Again, it has been proposed that an effort be made to put into the hands of every member of our whole denomination the annual circulars issued by the Committees, mailing a package of them to the minister of every supplied

church, and also to the session of every vacant church, containing a sufficient number of copies to supply the congregations respectively. Could this be done, it would be a very desirable and very important result. The cost could be so managed as not to exceed \$200, the main expense being for paper and postage. It can scarcely be doubted that this would have a tendency to draw the Church together, and to develop its resources as they were never before. The subject is referred to the consideration of the Assembly.

The whole work of Education, however, is not accomplished through the agency of the Committee. The Presbytery of Memphis extends aid to two of its candidates, and sends its surplus to the treasury of the Committee. This year, it raised \$712.37, and its churches besides have contributed \$297.07 to our treasury. New Orleans supports its own candidates, but has sent no report. Tombeckbee supported two candidates, and has raised \$497 for this purpose. No other Presbyteries are reported as acting independently in this matter. To the support of Columbia Theological Seminary, there have been contributed \$3,032.38, besides the contributions to the students' fund.

The following Presbyteries are all those from which answers have been received to the circular sent out by order of the Assembly, viz.:

Abingdon has 7 candidates, and has contributed \$300, besides the amounts sent to our treasury; Roanoke, 3; Knoxville, 4, and \$40; West Hanover, 3; Holston, 7, and \$191 in tuition; Mecklenburg, 5; Augusta, 13; Fayetteville, 11; North Mississippi, 6; Lexington, 9, and \$739; Winchester, 7, and \$109; Harmony, 5, and \$200; Memphis, 4, and \$612.37; Savannah, 1, and \$75; South Alabama, 4; Orange, 9; Western District, 3; Central Mississippi, 4, and \$180; North Alabama, 1; Ouachita, 3; Concord, 11; South Carolina, 3; Tombeckbee, 2, and \$497; Montgomery, 10, and \$86 50; Cherokee, 1, and \$466.15; Greenbrier, 5; Tuskaloosa, 2, and \$100; Nashville, 3, and \$397.70; Central Ohio, 1; East Alabama, 3; Chesapeake, 1; East Hanover, 1; Wilmington, 4; Charleston, 2; Bethel, 3; Atlanta, 2; New Orleans, 1; Mississippi, 2; Brazos, 2; Arkansas, 2; Indian, 5; Ebenezer, 1; Transylvania, 1; Chickasaw, 4.

The number of candidates of our Church attending the institutions of learning during the past year, so far as there is official information, is as follows, viz.:

Washington and Lee University, 14; the University of Mississippi, 9; Hampden Sidney College, 23; Davidson College, 23; King's College, 14; University of Virginia, 8 or 9; Oglethorpe College, 7; Stewart College, 4; University of Georgia, 2; Austin College, 1; Oakland College, 1; Columbia Seminary, 35; Union Seminary, 46.

The Presbytery of Holston has under its care King's College, an institution which has sprung into being since the war, and is rapidly becoming one of our most important literary institutions. It has in its classes fourteen candidates for the ministry; and during the past year has secured subscriptions to the amount of \$25,000 within its own bounds toward endowing a professorship.

The First church of Nashville has supported four of our candidates in full, and a fifth in part, contributing for that object \$1,157; the ladies of Franklin Street church, Baltimore, have contributed \$700, in addition to the contribution by the church of \$522—in all, \$1,222, during the year; the First church, New Orleans, has given \$200 to support a candidate, contributed \$150 to the Columbia Seminary, and sent to us \$319. The Sabbath-school at Norfolk has supported one of our candidates at Union Seminary, sending the money direct to that Seminary, by an understanding with this Committee. It is not reported in the Treasurer's accounts, because the vouchers had not been exchanged, but it is included in the \$1,110 furnished by that Seminary.

It only remains to remind the Assembly of the day of prayer, which has been annually observed on behalf of our baptized youth, and of our institutions of learning; and especially that God would call many of the sons of the

Church to dedicate themselves to his service in the ministry of the gospel; and that he would baptize the Church with a spirit of liberality to this cause.

By order of the Committee.

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,
Secretary of Education.

Richmond, May 8th, 1871.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF EDUCATION.

The Treasurer of Education reports his receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 29th, 1871, to be as follows:

DONATIONS FROM SYNODS.

Alabama, ...	\$1,609 35	
Arkansas, ...	856 42	
Georgia, ...	785 32	
Kentucky, ...	874 30	
Memphis, ...	1,249 23	
Mississippi, ...	1,239 75	
Nashville, ...	2,109 98	
North Carolina, ...	1,528 19	
South Carolina, ...	1,867 27	
Texas, ...	348 76	
Virginia, ...	5,448 01	
Total donations from Synods, ...	\$17,916 58	
Miscellaneous, ...	955 10	
Total donations, ...	\$18,871 68	
Balance per last Annual Report, ...	177 07	
Total funds, ...		\$19,048 75.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriations for Students, ...	\$17,383 31	
Salaries:		
Secretary, ...	\$1,250 00	
Treasurer, ...	100 00	
	<u>1,350 00</u>	
General expenses:		
Postage and Revenue Stamps and Checks, ...	50 27	
Counterfeits, ...	1 25	
Printing Circulars and Envelopes, ...	11 00	
Paper and printing (8,000 copies) Annual Report, ...	206 85	
Publishing acknowledgments, ...	4 75	
	<u>274 12</u>	
Total expenses, ...		<u>1,624 12</u>
Total disbursements, ...		\$19,008 43
Balance, ...		40 32
		<u>\$19,048 75</u>

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Education Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct; and the balance in his hands, on the 29th, April, 1871, was forty dollars and thirty-two cents.

EWD. H. FITZHUGH.
WM. F. TAYLOR.

Richmond, Va., May 12, 1871.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF PUBLICATION.

The Executive Committee of Publication has the pleasure of submitting its Tenth Annual Report to the General Assembly; and along with it presents its Book of Records, the Treasurer's Report, with his books and vouchers. From the Treasurer's report, it will be seen that the cash receipts, from contributions by the churches have been \$7,472.83; from subscriptions to the *Children's Friend* and the *Earnest Worker*, and from the sale of books, \$32,214.39, which sums, added to last year's balance of \$2,751.32, give the total amount of funds. \$42,438.54. The disbursements on account of stock, the *Children's Friend*, and the *Earnest Worker*, have been \$28,732.61; for colportage, \$541.92; in grants of books, tracts, papers, etc., \$4,951.56; for office expenses, \$7,866.80; making a total of \$42,092.89, and leaving a balance in the treasury of \$345.65.

The business done this year, including the \$32,214.39, added to \$541.92 paid to colporteurs, is \$32,755.31; which is an excess over the business done last year of \$3,465.20. But this does not fully represent the increase of business; because, one year ago, it was found necessary to adopt the rule which had been adopted by many of the leading publishers—to grant a discount of 20 per cent. on all sales to Sabbath-schools and Churches, as well as to ministers. Had no discounts of this kind been made, the receipts would have been increased between \$3,000 and \$4,000. This has caused great anxiety in conducting the business. For not only did the policy allowed curtail our resources to this extent; but some of the very publishing houses which compelled this policy, at the same time diminished their discounts to us, thus narrowing down the profits on which to sustain the regular expenses of business to a limit not self-sustaining. A letter was addressed to all the Synods, at their fall meetings, stating these facts, and urging, as the only remedy for it, so as to enable us to go forward safely, a large increase of business. Though the business has increased, it has not done so sufficiently to exempt us from all loss. This whole subject of discounts is causing much agitation among the book trade; the course pursued by the publishing houses is causing a failure of retail dealers in many places, and will soon, by such results, force publishers to adopt a system more just to the public and more safe to retailers. That adjustment is likely to take place by a reduction in the retail price of books, and the restoration of the rule, that discounts be confined to the retail trade. That we have gone through so safely, while many houses have wholly failed, and others, to prevent such a catastrophe, have been compelled to add the picture and stationery business to their trade, is a matter of congratulation and thankfulness.

Besides the cause for the falling off of our resources already alluded to, the Committee has had other drawbacks and delays in its work, which have contributed to this result. It has been stated that some of the retail houses have been compelled to succumb to the reverses of trade caused by the discount system already explained. The consequence is, that the bankruptcy of several such houses has caused the Committee more loss than they have sustained from such cause during any previous year, though the aggregate of them all is only \$435.32, which sum includes \$100 sent by one of our missionaries at a remote point in Texas in payment of a bill of books, but which was lost in the mail. Again, according to the order of the last Assembly, the adjustment of the accounts of colporteurs and the closing of their business has been undertaken, and in large part accomplished. This has been attended with some loss, as was anticipated. The books returned, though not strictly damaged, are not merchantable on account of handling, and in estimating the stock on hand, they are of course put at a price below cost. In making out that estimate, moreover, a deduction is made from the cost of books shelf-worn

and much handled. Still further, this year has been, in large part, so far as the investment of available resources is concerned, a year of preparation. The books which have been going through the press are nearly ready, and will soon be issued; and especially the first two volumes of the Collected Writings of Rev. Dr. Thornwell only await the finishing of a steel engraving of that eminent divine, in order to furnish advanced copies to the subscribers. Had we been able to send forth these volumes in February, as it had been hoped, notwithstanding other drawbacks, the balance would have been larger, and there would have been a considerable increase of assets.

In the Annual Report for 1869, by an inadvertence of the Secretary, the assets were made the basis of his estimate for the endowment, instead of the contributions of the churches, and, in the last report, it was carried forward from the previous year, because he had not observed his mistake. The error is not large; but it is best to make the estimate afresh from the original sources. The problem is very simple. The whole amount of the contributions of the churches to this cause is \$60,456.71. Of this sum total, there was spent by order of the Synod of Virginia, out of funds raised by the Synod, \$403.82; to pay bills of the General Assembly, and by its order, \$402.75; an old war debt, \$200; total expenses of agencies, \$4,457.17; to pay clerk hire, before opening the store, \$365; total, \$5,828.64. The total amount of grants of books and expenses of colporteurs, \$19,846.26. These two amounts added together give the sum of \$25,674.90. It is very evident that none of this was ever, in any sense, invested in the depository. This amount subtracted from the total of contributions leaves \$34,781.81 to be used in the regular business of the store. But \$1,292.40 is for the special object of stereotyping Dr. Thornwell's works. Hence the endowment is \$33,489.41.

This shows an aggregate of assets over the funds invested of \$4,647.31, the assets being \$39,429.15.

PUBLICATIONS.

The following books and tract volumes have been issued from the press during the past year, viz:

Sacred Rhetoric, or a Course of Lectures on Preaching. By Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D. 12mo.

Annie Balfour, or Influence and How to Use It. By Theta (a lady of Mississippi). 16mo.

The Mountains of Palestine. By J. H. Alexander, of St. Charles, Mo. 18mo.

The Huguenots, or Reformed Church of France. By Rev. William Henry Foote, D. D., late Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Romney, West Virginia. 12mo.

The Bible History of Baptism. By Rev. Samuel J. Baird, D. D. 8vo.

The Believer Born of Almighty Grace. By Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D. 18mo.

The Distinctive Principles of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, commonly called the Southern Presbyterian Church, as set forth in the Formal Declarations and Illustrated by Extracts from Proceedings of the General Assembly from 1861-1870; to which is added, Extracts from Proceedings of the Old School Assembly from 1861-1867.

This pamphlet was issued by order of the last Assembly. When the pamphlet was first prepared it was found impossible to obtain copies of the Minutes of the New School Assembly, so as to make the required extracts from them; but a second edition is now ready containing those extracts.

Also, new editions of twenty-one different books of our previous publications were called for and published.

Also, there have been issued several new tracts and leaflets.

The whole number of bound volumes printed during the year has been 30,520; tract volumes, 4,500; tracts, 213,000 copies, or 1,484,000 pages; catechisms, 5,000; annual reports, 7,000; catalogues, 6,250; circulars, 3,250; systematic benevolence envelopes, 260,504; Church blanks, ———.

The number of issues of books is not as large as in some previous years, but several volumes are so much larger than any we have heretofore published that the amount of printed matter is fully equal to previous years, notwithstanding the limited resources placed at our command.

Moreover, the following books and tract volumes have been stereotyped, and will be issued as soon as they can be manufactured, viz. :

The Pious Physician, or The Relation of Christianity to the Medical Profession. By Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., LL.D.

Christianity and the Law, or The Relation of Christianity to the Legal Profession. By Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., LL.D.

The Sapling and the Tree. By J. E. Matthews, M. D., of South Carolina.

Little Ann, A Mother's Memory. By a lady of Mississippi.

Singing Will, or Evil Thoughts Resisted. By Cousin Anna, (a lady of West Virginia).

Humpbacked Rhoda. By the Author of "Three Christmas Days," (a lady of Alabama).

Miss Mary and her Scholars, or The Lord's Prayer Explained and Illustrated. By Theta, (the author of "Annie Balfour").

A Collection of Hymns for Public and Social Worship, selected from our book of Psalms and Hymns, designed to be issued in pamphlet form. It will be a tract of 100 pages, 24mo., and contains 134 choice hymns. It is designed to supply a want of ministers engaged in missionary and itinerant labor, and for prayer-meetings.

The Collected Writings of Rev. James Henley Thornwell, D. D., LL.D. Edited by Rev. John B. Adger, D. D., 2 vols.

The appearance of these volumes from the press is looked for with much interest by many of the friends and admirers of the author, and they will be a valuable contribution to our literature. It is to be hoped their sale will be large, not only on account of their intrinsic value and the healthful influence they may be expected to exert on the Church, but because of the advantage to be derived by his family from their sale. Special funds have been contributed for the purpose of stereotyping these books, chiefly by the First Presbyterian church in New Orleans, and by friends of the author in Louisville, Ky., and elsewhere. But these have amounted in the aggregate to the sum of only \$1,292.40, whereas the cost of the plates for the two volumes now in press was \$2,370.67. There are two other volumes which it is designed to issue, but it is feared there will be delay in accomplishing this unless the churches give more freely to enable the Committee to meet the heavy expense. When this work was undertaken, it was believed that special contributions could be obtained to defray the cost of the stereotype plates, so as to justify the Committee in giving to Mrs. Thornwell a large percentage on the sales. It is greatly to be wished that this important work should be finished within the coming year, and that the friends of Dr. Thornwell should exert themselves to secure the requisite funds. There has been more delay in bringing out the two volumes now in press than was expected. The preparation of these works, the reading of the proofs, the making of indexes, etc., was found to be a most laborious and difficult task on the part of the distinguished editor, the Rev. Dr. Adger, who performs this eminent service for the Church as a simple labor of love. The stereotyping, also, was a very heavy job. It was finished about the 1st of February, and immediately put to press. When nearly ready, it was found public expectation would not be satisfied unless Dr. Thornwell's likeness was placed as the frontispiece of the first volume, instead of the fourth volume, according to the original design of the editor of these works. The artist is now engaged on the likeness, which will be executed on steel. As soon as it is done, subscribers will be furnished with them, though the main edition will not be issued until the opening of the fall trade—about August 1.

The publication of a book of tunes had to be deferred on account of the pre-engagement of our available resources. Preparations are making, how-

ever, toward this work; and everything is in readiness for pressing it, as soon as the funds can be commanded. A circular was issued and sent to brethren in every part of the Church, and the aid of all who are competent to render assistance has been sought. The material for the book is rapidly accumulating, but the views of brethren differ widely on some parts of the subject. The most important point on which a diversity of opinion exists, is as to whether it shall be a book of tunes only, or a book of hymns and tunes combined. Without undertaking to discuss the subject, but before proceeding to the final preparation of the book, this subject is respectfully referred to the Assembly for its authoritative advice.

The preparation of a hymn book for Sabbath-schools, which was authorised by the last General Assembly, has been a work of much labor, and a subject of great anxiety. The call for such a book is very loud, and that from all parts of our Church. Thus far, however, the effort expended on it has been in vain. Immediately after the rising of the last Assembly, the work was taken in hand. Three brethren were appointed to assist the Editor of Publication in examining existing books, and making such a selection therefrom as would answer the wishes and necessities of our Sabbath-schools. Moreover, brethren and friends from abroad granted their assistance by correspondence. This part of the undertaking was accomplished with little delay and no embarrassment. It was found, however, to be the easiest part of the task. The great difficulty is the existence of copyrights. It is not generally known, but it is a fact, that not only the new music, but also nearly all the new hymns for Church worship and for Sabbath-schools, are protected to their proprietors by copyright. The majority of them are owned by the Northern musical publishers. Formerly they made but little objection to the use of the hymns, with or without compensation; but recently they have become very stringent in insisting on their rights. Several books, such as we are now attempting to prepare, have recently been enjoined by the United States courts for the violation of the copyright law, and the stereotype plates sequestered or destroyed. To find out what hymns are copyrighted, and which are not, has been a work of much difficulty. After the compilation was completed, an investigation of this matter of copyrights was undertaken. Of those at first selected, about 100 had been forbidden to us up to this time; and now, while this report is under consideration before the Committee, a letter is received from a publisher who had previously given permission to use hymns owned by him, expressing apprehension lest the publication of the proposed hymn book would interfere with the sale of his music books, and withdrawing his consent. Three times the book has been ready for the press, and has been stopped in this manner.

It is not difficult to make a good selection of hymns; and if that is what is desired, it can be prepared and published at any time. But to obtain the use of the hymns which have become favorites in our Sabbath-schools, and publish them without the notes, according to the universal desire, has been a most difficult and laborious undertaking. Now, it has become manifest that it cannot be done. If a Sabbath-school hymn book, containing a good selection of hymns for youth, with a number of choice gospel hymns, such as we would love our children to commit to memory in youth, cherish through life, and become their song of joy in death, will satisfy the wishes of our brethren engaged in the Sabbath-school work, and will meet the approbation of the General Assembly, it can speedily be done. The subject is therefore respectfully submitted for fresh instructions.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND AND EARNEST WORKER.

The circulation of the *Children's Friend* has remained about stationary during the year. Of the semi-monthly edition, the issue has been 21,000; and of the monthly edition, 35,000 copies. The aggregate number of copies of the paper issued has been 546,000. From an examination of the statistics of Sabbath-schools contained in the Minutes of the last Assembly, it is evident that not more than one-half of our Sabbath-schools take this journal. Could

it be introduced into all of them, its circulation would be nearly double what it now is, and its influence for good would become that much greater.

In accordance with the authority given by the last General Assembly, on the 1st day of October last the publication of "*The Earnest Worker*, in the Sabbath-school and in the Family," was commenced, as a journal for the promotion of the cause of the religious instruction of our youth, and designed to meet the special wants of Sabbath-school teachers and Christian parents. The specimen number was issued about the middle of September, and the regular publication was commenced with the succeeding month. It was begun nearly without subscribers, but has had a steady increase of circulation almost daily ever since. The present issue is 2,450 copies. From all parts of the Church there is evidence that it is supplying a want and that it is exerting a salutary influence.

In connexion with this journal, there was commenced a system of graded questions for Sabbath-schools, based on the Gospel of Matthew, which has been introduced into many schools; and there is reason to believe it has met with a most favorable reception wherever introduced. The object aimed at was so to construct the system and conduct the work of instruction as to meet the wants and wishes of Sabbath-school workers. After much consideration and extended inquiry, the plan thus far pursued was adopted as that method which it was believed would accomplish the desired results. It was undertaken with a full understanding of its difficulties and a weighty sense of responsibility. The views of all our brethren who had any suggestions to make were cordially invited; and all practicable improvements have been promptly adopted. It was felt, in some sense, to be an experiment; but there are already many manifestations that it has become a decided success.

The plan pursued is to give a brief but comprehensive exposition of the lesson in the *Earnest Worker*, for the benefit of parents and teachers; and then to publish in the *Children's Friend* the scriptural lesson along with the questions, divided into three grades, for the use of the scholars. To assist the Editor of Publication in the responsible work of editing these two journals, the Committee obtained the services of the Rev. Samuel J. Baird, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church at Waynesboro', Va., to prepare the expositions and questions, who has devoted himself to this heavy and responsible work with great labor and fidelity.

In addition to the publication of the questions in the *Children's Friend*, they are issued in Lesson Papers, each paper containing one lesson. These lesson papers have reached an issue of 6,000, in addition to the circulation given the lessons in 21,000 copies of the semi-monthly edition of the *Children's Friend*.

It is believed the work accomplished by these journals would be much promoted if all our ministers were regularly furnished with them. Under the authority of the Assembly heretofore given, the *Children's Friend* is now regularly mailed to all our ministers and licentiates, according to the list given in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly. There is but little doubt that the circulation of the *Earnest Worker* would be increased and its usefulness enlarged, if all our ministers, or, at all events, all of those in charge of churches, were regularly supplied with it. As an advertising medium for our own publications, and as an inducement to others to advertise in it, it is believed it would more than repay the cost. This matter is submitted to the Assembly for its advice.

The Treasurer's Report is a simple cash account, and of course does not enter into the details of the business as the ledger in the book store does. As to the cash receipts and expenses, it is absolutely accurate; but it fails, at all times, to show the complete facts, which must be supplemented by details derived from the books of the store. This is necessary this year with regard to both the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker*. Subscriptions to those journals are often made by merchants, who have the bills charged to them, and pay them with their other bills. So also a portion of the paper on which those journals were printed was included in the usual paper bills of the pub-

lishing department, and are charged by the Treasurer to that account. The ledger shows the whole facts in the matter, and from it we learn that the receipts on account of the *Children's Friend* exceed the cost of paper and printing by \$975.62, and that the excess of receipts for the *Earnest Worker* over expenses is \$393.59.

THE ENDOWMENT—FUTURE PLANS.

The last General Assembly urged on the Church the great importance of immediately completing the endowment fund; and it directed the Committee to divide among the respective Presbyteries *pro rata* the remainder of that fund still to be raised in order to bring it up to the full sum of \$50,000. In accordance with this resolution, a circular was issued in the Appendix to the Annual Report, making a distribution of that fund; or, rather, showing that the amount to be raised for this year, in order to accomplish the design of the Assembly, would be 28 cents per member of our Church. A letter on the subject was addressed to all the Synods, calling their attention to this matter; and also copies of the Annual Report were sent to all the Presbyteries, with a letter from the Secretary calling their attention to it. Nearly all these courts took action, concurring with the resolution of the Assembly, and urging the matter on the attention and liberality of the churches, in connexion with the annual collection appointed for the first Sabbath in March. Previous to that day, the Secretary issued a brief circular, according to the standing order of the Assembly, reminding the Church of that collection. At the same time, and in connexion therewith, the circular about the endowment already alluded to was republished in all our Church journals. The response to these appeals has not equalled the expectations raised by the cordiality of the proceedings of the Presbyteries and Synods on the subject, and has fallen far below the enlarged object of the General Assembly, and the pressing wants of this cause. The receipts into the treasury from the churches have been somewhat less than in previous years; and after meeting the expenses of colportage, and of grants for the gratuitous distribution of books and tracts, there is left a surplus of only \$1,820.22. Of this balance, about \$800 were given for the special purpose of stereotyping Dr. Thornwell's works; which leaves only \$1,020.22 to be added to the endowment fund.

There is no reason to believe that this state of facts is to be traced to a lack of interest in this work. On the contrary, by many of our brethren, who this year have not taken up the regular collections, the assurance has been given that the reason was a belief that the exigencies of the Church demanded a different disposition of their funds. But whatever the reasons may be, the fact remains the same—the interests of this Committee are made to suffer, and the work of endowment is postponed to a future day. Quite a number of the churches have, however, raised their full quota; and this also is true of some of the Presbyteries.

In the last Annual Report, the Committee presented before the Assembly some of the difficulties with which it has to contend, and gave weighty reasons why it was necessary to adopt some plan whereby our publications could be thrown into the market of trade, or that otherwise our plan of operations and the nature of our work should be materially changed. In response to this part of that report, the Assembly adopted a resolution authorising the Committee to establish an agency of its own in one of the great cities for the purpose of enabling it to facilitate and enlarge its work.

Accordingly, the subject was made a matter of full and anxious consideration, and after careful inquiry into all the facts bearing on the case, and after much consultation with those best able to give the required information, it was determined to postpone the attempt at present.

The reasons which prevailed to produce this result were the following, viz. :

1st. It was found that the amount of capital requisite for the undertaking could not with safety be diverted from our ordinary business. The result of the annual collection for last year had fallen too far short of existing necessities to permit the necessary capital to be appropriated to this purpose.

2d. The breaking out of the French and German war, which occurred while this subject was undergoing investigation, produced such a disturbance in the financial affairs of this country, in common with other parts of the world, as to render any attempt to enlarge our operations injudicious.

The aspect of this question of the endowment is such as to discourage any attempt even yet in the direction contemplated by that resolution of the Assembly. Whenever it is undertaken, it must be done without the expectation of becoming profitable at the start, and it ought never to be begun till the funds of the Committee are in such a condition as to stand a temporary loss, if that should be the result at the beginning. There are few kinds of business which can secure instant success. On the other hand, it usually takes time to establish a reputation and secure custom even when the business becomes the most successful. At present, it would be injudicious to run any risks; nor is there the capital to place such an agency on a foundation broad enough to command success. This state of facts seems to force on the Church the other alternative suggested in the last report. Without possessing the facilities for throwing our books into the general market, it would be unwise largely to invest capital in them. No effort has been spared to bring our publications before the book trade through the publishing houses in the great marts of commerce, but it has not met with the requisite success. No better books of their class than those issued by the Committee, it is believed, have been sent forth during the period of our operations. "Earnest Hours," by Dr. Plumer, has been pronounced by many the best and most useful work which has come from the pen of that eminent author. Dr. Foote's "Huguenots" is a most able and fascinating history of the Reformed Church of France, deemed by the warmest friends and admirers of that distinguished author the most successful and useful contribution to our Christian literature which he has left as a legacy to the Church. Dr. Dabney's "Sacred Rhetoric" has received the highest commendation from competent judges, North and South. No work on the subject comparable to it in reliable information and thrilling interest, has appeared before or since the publication of "Washburn's Reminiscences of the Indians." Able judges have pronounced "Annie Balfour" the best Sabbath-school book which has appeared for years. Similar testimony has been borne with regard to others of our issues; and yet the sale of all these works has been very limited—not such as would warrant a further attempt in the same direction until the facilities for promptly bringing the books when published within the reach of the general public become greater. It is scarcely possible that a more favorable trial of the experiment could be made than has been given it.

If adequate success could not be reached with such works as these—some of them by authors whose other works readily secure an extensive circulation—it is not probable that this is attainable with the present facilities. The reason of the difficulties which have to be encountered has become obvious by experience. No publishing house will take the time and the necessary interest to push into circulation books of other houses than their own. One of the leading publishers of New York was for years the agent in that city for the books of one of the great denominational publication societies of the North, and yet he informed the Secretary that his sales, wholesale and retail, were less than \$2,000 a year, while scores of churches of that denomination are to be found in that city. The reason assigned was that he had his own books to sell, and had no time to push into the market the books of other houses. Almost any house would agree to keep our books, but none of them will agree to make them a specialty, or push them into the front of the market. When the time comes that this is to be done, we must do it ourselves. This, moreover, is the universal experience of all similar organisations to this.

The other alternative, according to the best judgment the Committee is able to give, is the one suggested in the last Annual Report. The privilege of preparing and publishing a general literature for our own people, such as this Church is abundantly able to produce, and such as would be a fitting monument to its zeal, activity, piety, and learning, must be abandoned for the

present until the churches are able to furnish the capital required for a great enlargement of this work, such as the necessities of the cause demand.

But there is still left open before us a wide door for expanding usefulness. Small books, tract volumes, and tracts designed for wide circulation, are in much demand, and on account of their more extended circulation, exert a greater influence than these larger works, while our people are less able than formerly to buy and have less time to read larger treatises. Moreover, the Sabbath-school is becoming, year by year, a most potent agency in training the rising generation and forming Christian character. If rightly conducted and directed, it becomes a true nursery of the Church. If misdirected, it is the wolf in sheep's clothing to rob the Church of her lambs. The various facilities needed by Sabbath-schools and Sabbath-school workers—books of a suitable character for children, etc.—open up a door too wide for us fully to occupy. Husbanding the capital for these purposes, on the plan heretofore pursued with reference to them, there can be added to our own well-selected list, books of other publishers by purchasing editions from them in sheets. There can thus be secured a safe and judicious set of library books, ample for present wants, much more rapidly than we could originate them, and at much less cost. Still further, the work of preparing and issuing the books which are needed to supply our denominational wants is to be prosecuted.

If these views meet the approbation of the General Assembly, it will become necessary for the Committee to return to their authors a number of manuscripts of interest and value, some of them accepted years ago, but which still await publication. This we have been compelled to do, on account of a lack of means, again and again. Manuscripts, when accepted, have been published in order, except where funds were furnished especially for the purpose, or where the wants of the Church demanded a change of this order.

In connexion with the above suggestions, it is necessary to call attention to the disposition hereafter to be made of the funds contributed by the churches. Some of them, and even some of the Presbyteries, have already paid their full quota of the endowment. Having done this, it would manifestly be improper to go before them again to ask contributions to the same purpose, until the delinquent parts of the Church have acted. Moreover, it is to be presumed that every part of the Church desires to co-operate in this work as soon as it can do so properly, and to have its share in it—to have its brick in the building. It is respectfully suggested to the General Assembly that directions be given with regard to the collections of the churches, so as to satisfy the various interests to be kept in view, such as the following :

1. Let there be kept by the Treasurer a separate account for contributions to the endowment fund. Let the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees take account of those churches which have paid their quota, and urge upon those which have not done so to do it as soon as it can properly be done, until the Presbytery has paid its full proportion.

2. Let there be kept by the Treasurer a separate account of donations to the missionary or benevolent work of the Committee, to which shall be credited all contributions not especially designated to some other object. From this fund, let grants of tracts, books, *The Children's Friend*, and *The Earnest Worker*, for general circulation, or for other purposes, be made on application of ministers, Sabbath-schools, churches, etc., when they need them and are not able to buy. But when the grant requested exceeds \$5 in value, let the application be approved by the corresponding member of this Committee for the Presbytery from whose bounds it comes.

3. Let funds also be received for the publication of specific tracts and books, and used for the purpose designed when the books or tracts are approved by the Committee.

Also, in order to greater success in carrying forward the work intrusted to it, the Committee requests the General Assembly to modify the rule with reference to the examination of books. As it now stands, every book published must be read by three members of the Committee. Sometimes this rule either becomes very oppressive to the members of the Committee, or it

retards its work; and sometimes the process has to be gone through as a mere form, when the evidence on the subject is already conclusive. For the sake of safety, it is wise to preserve the rule requiring this examination. But it would be a relief to the Committee, and at times facilitate its work, if it was allowed to ask the aid of other brethren in whose judgment the Committee and the Church have confidence, in the examination of republications. It is respectfully suggested, therefore, that the Assembly authorise the Committee to ask the aid of other brethren, provided in every instance the names of those who have examined and recommended a book for republication be recorded in the Minutes of the Committee, and provided, in case of any doubt, it shall be examined and approved by the Committee itself under the present rule on the subject. This restriction might guard the matter sufficiently, and at the same time the liberty requested would much promote our work.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to utter a few words of encouragement and congratulation. In the reorganisation of this and the other agencies of the Church, after the trials and sorrows through which our people had passed, the obstacles to be encountered were many and great. But every year the report of progress, in every department, has cheered and animated the Church. And now, once more, we record onward advancement. The work done by this Committee is greater than for any preceding year, and the donations of books and tracts made for distribution among the destitute are also larger than at any previous time. There are embarrassments, it is true; some of them are temporary and will soon disappear; and all of them can be overcome by united counsel and concerted effort, attended with the divine blessing.

By order of the Committee.

E. THOMPSON BAIRD,

Secretary of Publication.

RICHMOND, May 8, 1871.

THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PUBLICATION.

The Treasurer of Publication reports his receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 29th, 1871, to be as follows:

DONATIONS FROM SYNODS.

Alabama, ...	\$766 05	
Arkansas, ...	189 75	
Georgia, ...	368 18	
Kentucky, ...	417 20	
Memphis, ...	583 28	
Mississippi, ...	711 00	
Nashville, ...	265 41	
North Carolina, ...	471 97	
South Carolina, ...	805 25	
Texas, ...	264 49	
Virginia, ...	2,293 75	
Total donations from Synods, ...	\$7,136 33	
Miscellaneous, ...	336 50	
Total donations, ...		\$7,472 83
Sales at Depository, ...	\$25,917 52	
Subscriptions for <i>Children's Friend</i> , ...	3,863 45	
Subscriptions for <i>Earnest Worker</i> , ...	2,433 42	
Total sales and subscriptions, ...		\$32,214 39
Total receipts, ...		\$39,687 22
Balance at last Annual Report, ...		2,751 32
Total funds, ...		\$42,438 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Books and Publications, ...	\$23,811 55	
<i>Children's Friend</i> , ...	2,918 75	
<i>Earnest Worker</i> , ...	2,002 31	
Books, tracts, etc., granted, ...	4,951 56	
Colporteur Expenses, ...	541 92	
		\$34,226 09
Salaries—Secretary, ...	\$2,250 00	
Treasurer, ...	100 00	
Clerks, ...	3,156 50	
		\$5,506 50
Secretary's travelling expenses, ...	\$260 40	
Travelling expenses of a member of Committee, ...	9 00	
Store Rent, ...	901 89	
Postages and Stamps, ...	608 45	
Advertising, ...	75 75	
United States License, ...	20 00	
Insurance, ...	250 00	
Incidentals, ...	234 81	
		\$2,360 30
Total expenses, ...		\$7,866 80
Total disbursements, ...		\$42,092 89
Balance, ...		345 65
		\$42,438 54

The undersigned, charged with that duty by the Publication Committee of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, find them correct; and the balance in his hands, on the 29th April, 1871, was three hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-five cents.

EWD. H. FITZHUGH.
WM. F. TAYLOR.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia report to the General Assembly that this institution is in an increasingly encouraging condition.

The number of students in attendance during the Seminary year just closed, was thirty-five, of whom nine have completed the prescribed course—one of the class having been compelled to leave before the close of the year in consequence of ill-health.

The last Assembly elected the Rev. Jos. R. Wilson, D. D., to the chair of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

The Professor elect entered upon the duties of the chair assigned to him, on the opening of the term in September last; and it remains for the Assembly to induct him into office by the usual inauguration services.

The funds of the Seminary, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report, are in a hopeful condition, and the salaries of the Professors have been met from the proceeds of invested funds, together with the contributions of the churches.

A vigorous effort will shortly be made for the complete endowment of the Seminary, so that in a few years this annual appeal to the churches for aid, so far as the Professors' salaries are concerned, may cease.

The Seminary has now a full corps of Professors, all diligently and faithfully filling their respective chairs; and there is a prospect of a large increase in the number of students at the opening of the term next autumn.

The library consists of 18,318 volumes, most of which are standard works. A small appropriation is annually made towards replenishing this noble collection of books with the more recent works of merit in the several departments of instruction imparted in this institution. God has mercifully thrown his protecting care around this school of the prophets, giving it peace and prosperity, notwithstanding the surrounding desolations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board.

DONALD McQUEEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, respectfully report to the General Assembly, that the number of students attending upon our instruction during the year, has been thirty-five.

IN THE SENIOR CLASS.

Eugene Daniel, of Raymond, Miss., of Oakland College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

Hampden C. DuBose, of Darlington, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, ordained as a Foreign Missionary by the Presbytery of Harmony.

W. W. Evans, of Carlisle, Ky., graduate of Centre College, ordained minister of the Presbytery of Ebenezer.

George T. Gøetchius, of Columbus, Ga., graduate of the University of Georgia, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

J. W. Heath, of Baltimore, Md., of Newton University, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

F. L. Leeper, of Columbiana, Ala., licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

J. T. McBryde, of Pendleton, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Charleston, S. C.

John J. Read, of Raymond, Miss., of Oakland College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of Mississippi.

R. D. Smart, of Beaufort District, S. C., graduate of Wofford College, and member of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

James S. White, of York District, S. C., graduate of the University of Virginia, and licentiate of Bethel Presbytery.

MIDDLE CLASS.

Wm. S. Beane, of Augusta, Ga., graduate of the University of Georgia, and candidate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

J. C. Grow, of Carrollton, Ga., candidate of the Presbytery of Atlanta.

L. S. Handley, of Pleasant Ridge, Ala., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

F. M. Howell, of Oxford, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

M. C. Hutton, of Pleasant Ridge, Ala., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

Josephus Johnson, of Water Valley, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of North Mississippi.

T. C. Johnson, of Marshall County, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of North Mississippi.

A. R. Kennedy, of Pendleton, S. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

William LeConte, of Liberty County, Ga., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and candidate of the Presbytery of Augusta.

T. C. Ligon, of Abbeville, S. C., graduate of Erskine College, and licentiate of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

J. A. Mecklin, of Poplar Creek, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Central Mississippi.

J. W. Query, of Mecklenburg County, N. C., graduate of Erskine College.

W. T. Thompson, of Berryville, Va., and licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony.

Joseph Washburn, of Savannah, Ga., graduate of Williams College.

JUNIOR CLASS.

S. H. Bell, of Wilmington, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of Wilmington Presbytery.

S. D. Boggs, of Columbia, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and candidate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

C. E. Chichester, of Charleston, S. C., candidate of the Presbytery of Charleston.

S. M. Garrard, of Marengo County, Ala., of Oglethorpe College, candidate of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

C. W. Grafton, of Sardis, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi.

T. L. Haman, of Raymond, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi, and candidate of the Presbytery of Central Mississippi.

Robert B. McAlpine, of Union County, Ark., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of the Presbytery of Ouachita.

L. R. McCormick, of Chester, S. C., graduate of the University of South Carolina, and candidate of Bethel Presbytery.

D. R. McFarland, of Oxford, Miss., graduate of the University of Mississippi.

W. J. McKay, of Harnett County, N. C., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of Fayetteville Presbytery.

W. A. Milner, of Cartersville, Ga., graduate of Davidson College, and candidate of Cherokee Presbytery.

From South Carolina, 9; from Mississippi, 9; from Georgia, 6; from Alabama, 4; from North Carolina, 3; from Virginia, 1; from Maryland, 1; from Kentucky, 1; from Arkansas, 1.

The Rev. Dr. Wilson entered upon his duties as Professor of Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric at the commencement of the Seminary year, thus completing the full corps of instructors contemplated in the plan of the Seminary. The whole of the students have been present during the entire term, with the exception of Mr. Evans, of the Senior Class, whose health required the suspension of his studies. Mr. Ingram, reported last year in the Middle Class, did not return at the opening of the term, but has become pastor of the churches at Staunton and Dauceyville, Tennessee. Mr. Neel, of the same class, is completing his course of study in Europe.

The studies of the past year have been pursued with diligence and success on the part of the students. Their interest in foreign missions, fostered by the Society of Missionary Inquiry, has been greatly increased, and two of the class which now leaves us, have devoted themselves to the foreign service, one of whom has been accepted by the Assembly's Committee, and will leave under the auspices of the Committee ere long for China. Others have their attention directed to the foreign field who are not so near the termination of their preparatory studies.

The chapel has been furnished with a carpet and other adornments by kind benefactors, under the superintendence of members of Dr. Wilson's family; and an infirmary for sick students has been nearly fitted up, where they can have every comfort, by the benevolence of other friends, and under the supervision of members of Dr. Plummer's household. We are happy to report also, that the boarding-hall has been satisfactorily, as well as economically conducted, under the superintendence of a committee of students, by the good management of the present matron, Mrs. Waddell, and by the aid in procuring supplies which

Dr. Plumer has continued to afford. In these respects, we gratefully acknowledge the kind hand of that overruling Providence which has anticipated our wants during the past year.

By order of the Faculty.

GEO. HOWE, Chairman.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Columbia, May 8, 1871.

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CURRENT YEAR FROM MAY 9th, 1870, TO MAY 8th, 1871.

1870.	RECEIPTS.			
May 9.	Cash on hand, -	-	-	\$2,897 04
	From Investments, -	-	-	5,420 90
	Contributions by the Churches, -	-	-	3,082 38
				\$11,400 32
	EXPENDITURES.			
	Professors' salaries, -	-	-	\$10,175 00
	Expenses Board Directors, -	-	-	127 75
	Printing Catalogues, -	-	-	120 00
	Treasurer's salary, -	-	-	200 00
	Insurance buildings, -	-	-	300 00
	Repairs on buildings, gas, and sundries, -	-	-	185 25
				\$11,108 00
	Balance on hand May 8th, 1871, -	-	-	\$292 32

H. MULLER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH PERKINS' PROFESSORSHIP.

1871.	DR.			
March 10.	To Income from funds in hands of Committee of investment during 1870, as per statement rendered, -	-	-	\$2,435 62
March 13.	To two coupons City Mobile bonds, \$40 each, -	-	-	80 00
				\$2,515 62
	CR.			
March 10.	By Dr. Woodrow in full for salary to July 1, 1870, -	-	-	\$1,350 00
" " "	" " " on account of salary to Jan. 1, 1871, -	-	-	1,085 62
March 13.	" " " " " " " " -	-	-	80 00
				\$2,515 62

EDUCATION ACCOUNT.

DR.				
To balance on hand May 9, 1870, -	-	-	-	\$1,380 96
Donations from churches and individuals from May 8, 1870, to May 10, 1871, -	-	-	-	327 05
Dividends from invested funds, -	-	-	-	570 20
Cash returned by students, -	-	-	-	495 00
				\$2,773 21
CR.				
By appropriations to students from May 9, 1870, to May 8, 1871, -	-	-	-	\$1,340 00
Sundry expenses, -	-	-	-	1 80
Balance on hand May 8, 1871, -	-	-	-	1,431 41
				\$2,773 21

H. MULLER, Treasurer.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE UNITED STATES, MAY, 1871.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TRUSTEES OF
UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, IN VIRGINIA, MAY 10, 1871.

The Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia respectfully submit to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, this, their annual

REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Trustees was held on the 9th and 10th days of May, 1871. The Trustees (who are also Directors) is composed of the following, viz.:

OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.—Ministers: Rev. Messrs. F. H. Johnston, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., J. H. Smith, J. Rumple, E. Hines, J. P. McPherson, J. M. Sherwood, L. McKinnon. Elders: Dr. R. L. Beall, Dr. E. N. Hutchison, P. Murphy, Esq., and A. T. Summey, Esq.

OF THE SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.—Revs. Drs. W. Brown, J. J. Bullock, C. H. Read, J. L. Kirkpatrick, Rev. Messrs. H. M. White, W. T. Richardson, Alex. Martin, Chas. White. Elders: A. G. McIlwaine, E. M. Armstrong, C. L. Peyton, C. C. Read.

The Faculty consists of the Rev. Professors R. L. Dabney, D. D., B. M. Smith, D. D., Thos. E. Peck, D. D., H. C. Alexander, D. D.

Forty-six students have been in attendance during the year ending May 10, 1871. The following members of the Senior Class completed the course of study required by the constitution of the institution, to wit: G. L. Brown, of Virginia; Lew. B. Johnston, of Virginia; U. McCluer, of Missouri; John W. Primrose, of North Carolina; J. T. Rothrock, of Tennessee; J. Rockwell Smith, of Kentucky.

Twelve hundred and twenty-six (1,226) volumes have been added to the library since September, 1870, both in theological and general literature. The late Rev. U. Powers, of Roanoke County, Virginia, made a generous bequest to the Seminary, to be expended by the terms of the legacy, in the purchase of books for the library; twenty-eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,850) of that bequest was realised in September, 1870, and has been judiciously expended under the direction of the Faculty, with the approbation of the Trustees. It is contemplated to erect a library-building on the grounds of the Seminary, when a larger amount of funds are available.

No material change has been made in the condition of the finances of the institution in the fiscal year ending 1st May, 1871. The accruing dividends from the investments (valued at about one hundred and forty-three thousand five hundred dollars) have been sufficient for the payment of salaries and current expenses; and the scholarship funds have also been available.

The churches of Virginia and North Carolina have, to a gratifying extent, responded to the appeal of the Trustees made in 1870 "to supply furniture for the unfurnished rooms and to re-supply those heretofore furnished."

The Trustees report, with devout thankfulness to the Head of the Church, that the number of students, during the past year, is in advance of that of the previous year, and that they have reasonable grounds to expect a still larger number next year. The Professors have discharged their duties with eminent ability, and the diligence of the students generally has been commendable.

The prayers of the people of God in behalf of this institution have been so signally answered, especially during the past year, that they ought to feel, in the blessings already received, the strongest encouragement "to pray and not to faint."

The officers of the Trustees, are as follows, viz.:

Rev. Wm. Brown, D. D., of Richmond, Va., President.

Rev. J. Rumple, of North Carolina, }
A. G. McIlwaine, Esq., of Virginia, } Vice Presidents.

C. C. Read, Farmville, Va., Secretary.

F. N. Watkins, Farmville, Va., Assistant, and Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

The corporate title of the Seminary is "The Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia."

All correspondence should be with F. N. Watkins, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Farmville, Va., except correspondence with the Faculty, which should be addressed to Rev. R. L. Dabney, "Hampden Sidney" Post Office, Prince Edward County, Va., which is also the post office address of the Faculty and students.

Respectfully submitted.

C. C. READ, Secretary.

FARMVILLE, VA., May 10, 1871.

PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognises the efficacy of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity for divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotion of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in each year, that God would of great mercy so give the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions, and decisions, as to promote his own glory, and advance the kingdom of Jesus in the earth.

Resolved, 2. That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

W. L. Kennedy, S. S. D. D. Sanderson, P.	Ala.	Elyton, Eutaw,	Elyton, S. S. Eutaw, P.	33	5 68	29	47	737	\$320	\$222	\$487	\$201	\$199	\$6814	\$2427	\$1300
C. M. Hutton, P.	"	Pleasant Ridge,	Greensboro, S. S.	34	18	105	12	11	125	25	26	30	32	1000	85	132
M. J. McLean, S. S.	"	Bridgeville,	Pleasant Ridge, P.			52		4	45	13	14	15	16	500	79	40
			Mount Olivet, S. S.			60		4	25	3	3	2	11	800		164
			Sardis, S. S.	5	1	21	5	2	1	1	10	1	1	107		2
J. W. Phillips, Teacher.	"	Memphis, S. S.	Memphis, S. S.			20		2	20	5				50		80
E. Anderson, D. M.	"	Demopolis,	Demopolis, V.			28		40	20	10	10	10	12	50	178	2
A. A. Morse, P.	"	Springville,	Gainesville, P.	35	95	2	2	1	125	102	25	21	32	1055	127	265
		Gainesville,	Bethesda, V.	14	28	5		2	15	5	5	16				97
			Elizabeth, V.	2	60											
			Bethesda, V.		30											
			Hebron, V.		46											
			Livingston, S. S.		38			1	40	21	12	15		500	50	92
			Ebenezer, V.		43				20	2	11	13		200	8	18
			New Hope, V.		39									195		
			Hadden, V.		50			2						150		
			Oxford, V.		46			3						400		
			Bethel, V.	4	3	40	4	1								70
				74	56	1219	29	47	737	\$320	\$222	\$487	\$199	\$6814	\$2427	\$1300
				2	1	59	2	2	30	28	26	30	14	400		
Austin, Ark.		Little Rock, Ark.	Sylvania, S. S.	20	25	190	7	12	245	252	430	80	160	2100	5600	148
J. W. Moore, S. S.		Cotton Plant,	Little Rock, P.	4	5	65	3		49	92	135	35	33	600	184	16
T. R. Welch, D.D., P.		Batesville,	Batesville, P. E.			47		3	40	20	95	10	23	860	188	243
S. W. Davies, P.		Fort Smith,	Fort Smith, P.	3	7	60	1	3	100	25	3	10		1200	200	300
I. J. Long, P. E.		Dardanelle,	Dardanelle, S. S.			28	1		40		3			285	500	7
W. A. Sample, P.		Jacksouport,	Jacksouport, P. E.	1	3	28	2	3	50	68	45	32	114	1000	473	119
J. S. Wilbanks, S. S.		Mr. Pleasant,	New Hope, S. S.	5		42		3	25	1	3		4	96	215	4
D. C. Boggs, P. E.		Van Buren,	Van Buren, S. S.			28		1	25							
J. C. Kennedy, S. S.		Searey Valley, S. S.	Searey Valley, S. S.			33		2	25	18	17			300	600	6
J. C. Kennedy, S. S.		Bentonville,	Bentonville, S. S.	3	2	33		3	44	44	20	10	30	529	19	10
R. W. Shive, S. S.		Augusta,	Augusta, S. S.	4	5	47	1	3	39	40	48	37	25	510	46	5
C. M. Richards, S. S.		Des Arc, V.	Des Arc, V.	1	4	29		2	60	5	26		220	220		
L. Murray, W. C.		Watfensaw, Ark.	Watfensaw, V.	2	2	24		2	40	8	10		225	225	10	10
P. Calloun, in transitu,		Helena,	Helena, V.	6	2	60	2	3	20	20	5			600	100	
				2	2	24										

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SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

1. *Presbytery of Arkansas.*

J. W. Moore, S. S.	Austin, Ark.
T. R. Welch, D.D., P.	Little Rock, Ark.
S. W. Davies, P.	Cotton Plant,
I. J. Long, P. E.	Batesville,
W. A. Sample, P.	Fort Smith,
J. S. Wilbanks, S. S.	Dardanelle,
D. C. Boggs, P. E.	Jacksouport,
J. C. Kennedy, S. S.	Mr. Pleasant,
J. C. Kennedy, S. S.	Van Buren,
R. W. Shive, S. S.	Searey Valley,
C. M. Richards, S. S.	Bentonville,
L. Murray, W. C.	Augusta,
P. Calloun, in transitu,	Des Arc, V.
	Watfensaw, Ark.
	Helena,

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Candidates—3.

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Licentiate—1.

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B.C.	Sustentation.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Educa- tion.	Publi- cation.	Dis. Min & Wid. & Orph.	Pastors' Salaries	Congre- gation- al.	Miscel- laneous
<i>Licentiate</i> —2. Samuel Galloway. Geo. T. Goethius. <i>Candidates</i> —12.	Sparta, Ga. Eatonton, " Monticello, " Hartwell, " Dahlonega, " Nacoochee, " Blairsville, " Quincy, Fla. Albany, "	Sparta, S. S. Eatonton, S. S. Monticello, S. S. Harmony, V. Dahlonega, V. Nacoochee, V. Blairsville, V.	1	2 1 5 10 1	15 35 40 10 11		2 1 15 7 91	23 15	9 13	21 6	22 3	1	3	300 150 26 125	25 48	10 3
<i>Presbytery of Cherokee.</i> N. A. Pratt, D. D., P. A. Y. Lockridge, W. C. T. C. Crawford, P.	Roswell, Ga. Ringgold, Ga. Dirt Town, Ga.	Roswell, P. Chickamauga, V. Bethel, P.	1	1 2 6	56 32 73		4 1 1	689 70	48 25 5	75 5 5	20 5	15 5	30	500 200 179	21	16 3 15
A. G. Johnson, P. J. W. Baker, S. S.	Euhansee, Ga. Marietta, "	Euhansee, P. Kingston, S. S. Adairsville, S. S. Harmony, S. S. Bethesda, S. S. New Lebanon, V. Lafayette, V. Armauchee, V.	14	2 2 2 2 2 2 2	124 15 21 22 27 16 53 12	6 1 1 6	1 1 2 2 2 1 1	100 15 21 22 27 16 53 12	13 14 10 5 5 5	8 14 4 6	16 60 60 18 30	4 16 60 18 30	2 4 13 13 13	400 60 60 18 30	81	81
R. M. Baker, W. C.	Lafayette, Ga.	Lafayette, V.														
R. F. Taylor, P.	Summerville, Ga.	Summerville, P. Walnut Grove, P. Alpine, P.		1 6 3	50 73 51	1 2	1 3							300 150		50 25
S. E. Axson, P. R. W. Milner, S. S.	Rome, Ga. Spring Place, G.	Beersheba, S. S. Rome, P. Spring Place, S. S. Red Clay, S. S. Sonora, V.	3	14	151	1	13	160	181	141	210	13		1431		1323
J. L. Rogers, S. S.	Marietta, Ga.	Cassville, V. Mars Hill, S. S.	4	2	76	4	1	50	7	5	7	5		180		3

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S. Presbtery of Macan,
David Wills, D. D.

Prof. Webster Esq.

R. Q. Way, S. S.	Ga.	Brunswick, S. S.	1	6	34	1	5	56	9	7	200	550	13
D. Comfort, P.	"	Bethany, P.	3	2	42		5	47	13	7	215	80	22
J. H. Alexander, S. S.	"	Mineral Spring, S. S.	1	1	24		4	16	7	11	5	323	16
A. W. Clisby, P.	"	Bainbridge, S. S.	1	2	31		4	20	18	35	12	593	74
	"	Thomasville, P.	4	2	74		2	45	50	53	25	750	25
	"	Valdosta, P.	4	2	36		5	33	10	8	310	59	26
	"	Quitman, V.			35								
	"	Stockton, S. S.	3	3	8		5		1	1	50		1
	"	Pleasant Grove, S. S.			40								
	"	Dorchester, P. E.			16								
I. S. K. Axson, P. D., P.	"	Ind. Ch., Sav. P.											
C. B. King, S. S.	"	White Bluff, S. S.											
N. P. Quarterman, S. S. —9.	"	Missionary Sav., S. S.											
<i>Licentiate—1.</i>		—18.											
R. Q. Baker,	"	St. Mary's.	26	41	689	1	34	415	\$156	\$123	\$81	\$6015	\$187
<i>Candidate—1.</i>													
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.													
1. <i>Pres. of Central Ohio.</i>													
Robert Morrison, P. E.	Levering's, Ohio.	Waterford, P. E.	2	8	49	2		42	6	14	11	371	125
Robert Bell, S. S.	Frazysburg Ohio.	West Carlisle, S. S.	2	1	35		3	6	6	7	6	200	8
C. C. Bomberger, S. S.	Levering's, Ohio.	North Liberty, S. S.		2	20					8	5	250	100
A. M. Cowan, W. C.	Urbana, Ohio.	Wakatomika, V.			7								
T. P. W. Magruder, S. S.—3.	Bladensburg, Ohio.	Bladensburg, S. S.	2	33	33			35	11	6	5	150	103
<i>Candidates—2.</i>	Sulphur Springs, Ohio.	Sandusky, S. S.	6	11	184	2	3	112	\$23	\$39	\$17	\$1221	250
												\$336	\$54
2. <i>Presbytery of Ebenezer.</i>													
J. C. Bayless, D. D.	Grayson, Ky.	Florence, Ky.	4	8	32	2	4	30		3	25	350	28
E. W. Bedinger, P.		Richwood.	1		24	1	4	30		18	23	355	110
L. H. Blanton, P.	Paris, Ky.	Paris, Ky.	9	6	160	3	5	150	200	40	40	1925	12947
C. H. Dobbs, P.	Washington, Ky.	Washington, Ky.	10	1	54	8	5	45		91	12	523	62
		Greenup Union, S. S.											77
J. M. Evans, P.	Mayslick, Ky.	Mayslick, Ky.	12		65	6		45		15		600	100
W. W. Evans, P. E.	Crittenden, Ky.	Crittenden.			20		2	25		6		300	30
		Lebanon.	9	1	75	4	1	50				175	100
B. M. Hobson, S. S.	Augusta, Ky.	Augusta, Ky.	2	2	53	2	4	100	35	20	10	500	150
		Sharon.	3		67	1		43	30	26	10	500	93

Edmonton.		—27.														
		42	14	1048	13	5	317	\$315	\$130	\$300					\$5284	\$5446
7. Pres. of West Lexington.																
P. G. Strahan, S. S.	Georgetown, Ky.	21	18	59	18	11	80	4	75	100	75	50			80	20
Wm. Dinwiddie, P.	Lexington, "	23	18	296	8			250							2575	50
R. Douglass, P.	Versailles, "			70											1200	40
G. H. Rout, P.	Versailles, "	21	8	112	6	4	30	77	107	60	10	10			1350	197
M. Van Lear, P.	Lexington, "	1	1	28			40	25	30	10					535	
W. George, P.	Mt. Sterling, "	10		35	1	2		15							1035	32
E. Forman, P.	Lexington, "	2	3	51		1	20	39							580	
Jas. H. Fitzgerald, P.	Nicholasville, "	8	6	80	3	8	25	100	23	23	14				1658	
H. Glass, P.	Cynthiana, "	12	10	43	4	4	50	10							1285	700
J. G. Hunter, P. E.	Georgetown, "	5	3	76	1	6	55	36		10	32				3813	20
H. B. Cunningham, D. D., S. S.	Cynthiana, "	1		29			25	5	2	5	1				350	
—H. Midway.				90											1200	
Winchester, V.				75											1400	
Union, S. S.				20											500	
Clear Creek, S. S.				40												
Ebenezer, S. S.				40												
Boyer's, S. S.		5		39	4		20		1	1	1				350	25
Salem, S. S.				30			20								468	60
Chilesburg.				30											60	2
Newton, Ky.		14		30												
Shauhan's Stat'n, Ky.				29	13											
Station, V.				9												
Macedonia, V.		1		8	1										28	
Leesburg, Ky.		16	1	84	7		25	50	17						500	127
Lexington, Ky.															175	40
Oxford, "		8		55	6											
Providence, S. S.				8												
Warsaw, V.				20												
Williamstown, Ky.				8												
Midway.				8												
Woodford, V.		148	50	1444	72	32	390	\$602	\$255	\$200	\$133	\$50			\$16037	\$1234
SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.																
1. Presbytery of Chickasaw.																
Thos. C. Stuart, W. C., infirm.	Tupelo, Miss.	1	4	100		4	25	3	6	20			120	15		
A. M. Mooney, W. C., infirm.	Pontotoc, "	1		13	1			4	4	8			93			
Wm. A. Gray, P.	Ripley, "		6	76		4		16	23	20	13	10	237			36
	Walnut Creek, S. S.		1	41		1		15	7	2			57			

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B.C.	Sustén-tation.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Educa-tion.	Publi-cation.	Dis Min & Wid. & Orph.	Pastors' Salaries	Con-gregatio-nal.	Miscel-laneous
A. Penland, S. S. Thos. Morrow, W. C., <i>infirm</i> , Decatur, N. Ala.		Ebenezer, S. S. Somerlyville, S. S. Fairview, V.	2	5	63	2	3	125	267	20	60	5	25	750		
W. H. Mitchell, D. D., Pres. P. Patton, S. S. Florence, Ala.		Florence, V.	4	7	90	2	2	34	9	7	16	7	6	240		9
J. N. Waddel, D. D., Chan. Oxford, Miss.		Hopewell, S. S.	5	17	109	1	2	104	23	48	102	2		570	600	100
J. A. Kinnous, P. Sattilo, "		Oxford, S. S. New Hope, P.			55											
		Hebron, S. S.	5		50		2	27	8			8		100	8	
B. N. Sawtelle, P. O. F. Rogers, P. E.		Corinth, S. S. Tuscumbia, P.		1	22		9	100	20		18	5		800	450	
J. L. Harris, J. H. Gaillard, Evan.		Booneville, P. E. Ebenezer, S. S.	4	2	20				22		12			161	700	
		Palmyra, V.		21	25		1									
		Zion, V.	2	71	71			75	6		12	2	5	350	2	
E. O. Frierson, P. Courtland, Ala.		New Albany, V. Courtland, P.	4		54	1	1	40	64		9		6	850	4755	
J. D. West, P. Pontotoc, Miss.		Union Springs, P. Pontotoc, P.			17		7	16	16	17	15	6		550	291	23
		Harmony, S. S.			80					16	25			300		
D. A. Todd, S. S. —16. Guntown, Miss.		Monroe, S. S. Tupelo.	4	3	12	1	1	50	10					375	190	10
		Bethany, S. S.			26											
		Unity, V.			25											
		Sarepta, V.			54											
		Oak Forest, V.			33											
		Providence, V.			25											
		Decatur, V.			33											
		Moulton, V.			7											
		—32.	36	50	1362	9	40	626	\$483	\$153	\$319	\$64	\$52	\$5653	\$7011	\$172
2. <i>Presbytery of Memphis.</i> D. H. Cummins, P. Covington, Tenn.		Covington, P.	17	5	116	5	3	74	83	169	148	56	58	1035	173	15
J. H. Gray, D. D., S. S. LaGrange, "		LaGrange, S. S.	8	4	41	3	4	40	17	42	17	5	10	293		5
Saulsbury, "		Saulsbury, S. S.	1	4	43		5		12	15	17	8		300		30
R. R. Evans, P. Germantown, "		Germantown, P.	1	63	63	0	0	40	1	0	17	8		250	20	10

Candidates—4.

Name	Age	Sex	Place of Birth	Profession	Education	Married	Children	Property	Income	Assets	Liabilities	Net Worth	Total
A. H. Kerr, D. D., W. C.	37	M.	Bethesda, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
J. O. Stedman, D. D., P. E.	37	M.	Memphis, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
F. C. Morris, <i>infirm</i>	37	M.	Oscola, Ark.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
James Holmes, D. D., <i>infirm</i>	37	M.	Covington, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
S. S. Gill, S. S.	37	M.	Hickory Withe, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
J. B. O. Wilson, P.	37	M.	Covington, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
J. D. Meredith, Teacher.	37	M.	Memphis, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
Jas. Rosamond, <i>in transit</i>	37	M.	Memphis, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
W. A. Hall, S. S.	37	M.	Covington, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
Jno. S. Park, P.	37	M.	Memphis, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
A. M. Watson, P.	37	M.	Portersville, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
F. Bowman, D. D., <i>infirm</i>	37	M.	Memphis, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
F. H. Bowman, P.	37	M.	Memphis, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
E. M. Richardson, P.	37	M.	Memphis, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
A. Shotwell, Editor & P. E.	37	M.	Sonerville, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
H. C. Brown, P.	37	M.	Bolivar, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
L. McNeely, W. C.	37	M.	Middleton, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
W. M. Ingram, P.	37	M.	Stanton, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
J. H. Gillespie, P. E.	37	M.	Dancyville, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
W. E. Boggs, P. E.	37	M.	Brownsville, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
<i>Licentiate—L.</i>	37	M.	Stanton, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
John Law.	37	M.	Stanton, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
<i>Candidates—5.</i>	37	M.	Stanton, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
<i>3. Pres. of North Mississippi.</i>	37	M.	Stanton, Tenn.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
Edwin Cater, P.	37	M.	Oxford, Miss.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
J. N. Craig, P.	37	M.	Holly Springs, P.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
A. H. Caldwell, S. S.	37	M.	Sardis, Miss.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
E. C. Davidson, P.	37	M.	Sardis, Miss.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
D. G. Doak, S. S.	37	M.	Water Valley, P.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
Augus Johnson, S. S.	37	M.	Water Valley, P.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
D. F. Humphreys, W. C.	37	M.	Sardis, Miss.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
H. Mc. Morrison, W. C.	37	M.	Corinth, S. S.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53
	37	M.	Spring Port, V.	Teacher	Common	1	22	8	108	1	16	130	53

Tenn.	Concord, S. S.	67	47	39	1057	15	25	452	\$256	\$61	\$390	\$22		\$2163	\$2828	\$535
Trenton,	Zion, S. S.	40														
"	Marl Bluff, V.	24														
"	Salem, V.	20														
"	Ripley, S. S.	28														
"	Smymna, V.	19														
"	Union, V.	55														
"	Brownsville, S. S.	7	4			60	1	2			148			1200	328	17
"	Huntingdon, V.	17														
"	Rutherford St'n,	12														
"	Hebron, V.	20														
"	Dyersburg, V.	23.														
"	Dennark,															
Jackson, Miss.	Hebron, S. S.	1	2											200		
Brandon, Miss.	Bethel, P.	79	2			1	8		15					60		
Polkville, "	Fannin, S. S.	11					2	75	10							
Oxford, "																
Vaiden, "	Hopewell, S. S.	72	8				2		32	3	10	3		250		16
Vaiden, "	Shongalo, S. S.	47	1						28		15			500	10	45
Winona, "	Winona, S. S.	47						105	25					190	10	4
West Station, Miss.	West Station, S. S.	9	1				1	30						150	300	2
Vicksburg, "	Vicksburg, P.	113	12			1	4	201	37		38	25		1032	3000	400
Carrollton, "	Carrollton, S. S.	61	1				1	60	30		13			500	69	170
Carrollton, "	Teoc, S. S.	44	2				2	40	41		22			400	13	26
Kosciusko, "	Kosciusko, P.	103	4			7	10	150	60	10	40	10		500	30	187
Durant, "	Durant, S. S.	27					1		20			1		130	1500	2
Camden, "	Camden, S. S.	23							12		1			200	10	14
Canton, "	Concord, S. S.	26	2			1	9	25	35	6	15	10		315	3	20
Lexington, "	Franklin, S. S.	25					1		10		11			285		5
Lexington, "	Lexington, P.	75	1					30	35					500	700	
Goodman, "	Goodman, S. S.	5					1		10					150	10	3
Brandon, "	Brandon, P.	55	2					80	92		12			450	54	7
Forest Station, "	Forest, S. S.	38	1			1	2	85	25		5			235	300	32
Jackson, "	Jackson, P.	97	6			1	2	125	113					1400	2052	355

SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

1. Pres. of Central Mississippi.

Consider Parish, Teacher,

Duncan A. Campbell, P.

Richmond McInnis, Evan.

C. M. Atkinson, S. S.

Robert Price, P.

J. M. Caldwell, S. S.

J. H. Alexander, P.

J. M. Geary, S. S.

John McCampbell, P.

A. L. Kline, P.

John Hunter, D. D., P.

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S. S. Brown, P.	Canton, Miss.	Madison, P.	16	2	86	8	1	26	70		4	5	35	500	12	29
I. J. Daniel, P.	Edward's Depot,	Edward's Depot, P.	6	1	24	3		23	27		20			275	25	
Wm. T. Hall, P.	Edward's Depot,	Osborne, P.	12	1	48				30		20			445		72
J. W. Kerr, P.	Canton,	Canton, P.	10	16	120	2	13	60	111	46	117	25	10	760	366	
	Yazoo City,	Yazoo City, P.	1	3	68		5	45	60	20	40		350	850	100	50
A. H. Mecklin, P.	Benton,	Benton, S. S.	3	14	17				28	3	4			160	12	30
	Poplar Creek,	Poplar Creek, P.						30	25		5		5	285	2	2
	French Camps,	French Camps, P.		3	60			40	25					200	2	
	Greenville,	Greenville, S. S.			33											
Stevenson Archer, S. S.	Viicksburg,	Bethesda, V.	12	3	72	8	11	15	8		55			259	5	3
J. E. Wheeler, Teacher,	Edward's Depot,	Raymond, V.	1	6	42		1	20	18	18	20	5		315	900	39
	Raymond,	Lebanon, V.	10	4	73	4	2		36					620	6	6
	Dry Grove,	Dry Grove, V.	1	18	19	1	2									5
	Greenwood,	Greenwood, V.	14	32	32		7		27	10	17					5
	McNutt,	Sunflower, V.			15											
	Okahoma,	Forest Grove, S. S.	2	1	37	1		30	20							
R. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Carthage,	Carthage, S. S.														
	Camden,	Upper Greenwood, S. S.														
	Clinton,	Clinton, V.	3	2	18			7								
	Bolton,	Bolton, V.			14			20								
	Polkville,	Calvary, S. S.			20											
	Delhi, La.	Union, S. S.			30											
	Delhi, La.	Delhi, S. S.			20											
	Bolivar's Landing, Miss.	Bolivar, V.			15											
	Richmond, La.	Richmond, V.			6											
	Brandon, Miss.	Monmouth.			15											
	Madison Stat'n,	Mt. Hermon, V.			11				15	8			10		1300	10
	Vaiden,	Old Salem, V.	7	1	22	3	1		10		3					
			159	141	1838	44	90	1322	\$1140	\$124	\$487	\$84	\$465	\$12116	\$10789	\$1541
2. Presbytery of Louisiana.	New Orleans, La.	Gen. Agt. S. W. B. S.														
J. E. C. Doremus, D. D.	Jackson, La.	Jackson, P.			48		2		24	28	40	45		425		60
James Stratton, P.		Woodville, S. S.			15											

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Candidates—4.

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Thos. A. Ogden, <i>inform.</i> , —13. <i>Licentiate</i> —1. John J. Read,	Elizabeth, New Jersey, Port Gibson, Miss.	Monticello, V. Red Lick, V. —22.
A. Pres. of <i>New Orleans</i> ,		
B. M. Palmer, D. D., P.	New Orleans, La.	First Church, P.
T. R. Markham, P.	" "	Lafayette, P.
R. Q. Mallard, P.	" "	Prytania Street, P.
H. M. Smith, D. D., Editor.	" "	Third Church, V.
A. F. Dickson, P.	" "	Fourth Church, P.
W. Flinn, P.	" "	Thalia Street, P.
Benj. Wayne, S. S.	" "	Jefferson City, S. S.
W. A. Hall,	Woodville, Miss.	Carrollton, S. S.
D. McNair, S. S.	Thibodeaux, La.	Thibodeaux, S. S.
J. C. Graham, P.	Anite City, "	Helena, S. S.
	Osyka, Miss.	Osyka, P.
	Pascagoula, "	Pisgah, P.
L. B. Gaston,		Houma, V.
W. Cameron, Teacher.	Centreville, La.	Centreville, S. S.
J. A. McConnell, D. M.	Pass Christian, "	Madisonville, V.
W. H. Stratton, S. S.	New Orleans, "	Berea, V.
Marc Roux, D. M. —15.		New River, V. —17.
Candidate—1.		
5. Presbytery of Red River.		
A. R. Banks, P.	Rocky Mount, La.	Rocky Mount, P.
J. E. Bright, D. D., P. E.	Minden, "	Minden, P. E.
J. T. Davidson, S. S.	Homer, "	Homer, S. S.
	Vienna, "	Vienna, S. S.
	Athens, "	Athens, S. S.
	Hansville, "	State Line, S. S.
C. S. Dod, S. S.	Shreveport, "	Mt. Zion, S. S.
W. C. Dunlap, D. D., P.	Shreveport, "	Shreveport, P.

Candidate—1.

o. Presbiteru of Red River.

R. Banks, P.

E. Bright, D. D., P. E.

T. Davidson, S. L.

C. Harrington, S. S.	—6.	Mansfield, La.	1	17	471	13	21	231	\$101	\$11	\$84	\$11	10	10	172	70	10
Mansfield, S. S.			23	17	471	13	21	231							\$2850	\$15500	\$474
Keachi, S. S.			5	12	181	3	6	40	6	5	12					400	30
Good Hope, S. S.			12	53	53	4	6	60	4	4						150	10
Ebenezer, V.			1	23	23											10	2
Alabama, V.			1	3	18											150	2
Pine Hill, V.			1	21	21				14	12	53					510	5
Vernon, V.				11	11				2		8					50	
Hopewell, V.			3	69	69	3	3	60								1000	160
Monroe, V.			9	1	63	3	3		1	6	7	1				370	2
Columbus, V.			2	163	163		5	50		19						400	15
Friendship, P.				35	35		2	40	20		20						2
Houston, S. S.			2	75	75	2	2	50								660	5
Bethany, S. S.			1	1	18		1	20	12		4					200	16
West Point, S. S.			8	4	34		6									400	38
Bethel, P.			1	30	30												2
Crawfordville, P.			2	4	23	1	2	27	5		11					250	39
Aberdeen, P.			3	1	35	3	5		3		10					200	2
Lebanon, P.			2	4	23	1	2	27	5		11						
Bethsalem, S. S.			5	50	100	2	2	90	23	15	44	10				1690	132
Louisville, V.				19	19		1		5		5					200	3
Starkville, S. S.				57	57												3
Carolina, S. S.			2	18	18		2	20	12		10					230	27
Lawrence, S. S.			2	3	75	2	2	50									
Okolona, S. S.			1	1	18		1	20									
Fairview, S. S.			8	4	34		6										
Smyrna, S. S.			1	30	30												
Garlandville, S. S.			2	4	23	1	2	27	5		11						
Pisgah, S. S.			3	1	35	3	5		3		10						
Pendleton, P.			5	50	100	2	2	90	23	15	44	10					
Good Hope, P.				19	19		1		5		5						
Meridian, S. S.				57	57												
Macon, S. S.				27	27												
Wahalak, S. S.			2	18	20	2	2	20	12		10						
Seooba, S. S.																	
Knox, S. S.																	
Beersheba, V.																	

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6. Pres. of Tombekbee.

James A. Lyon, D. D., Prof.

James N. Carothers, P.

A. H. Barkley, P.

A. Pickens Smith, P.

R. W. Meeklin, P.

S. R. Frierson, S. S.

O. H. P. Smyth, S. S.

S. J. Love, S. S.

S. J. Bingham, S. S.

H. C. Smith, P.

D. F. Smith, S. S.

Joseph Bardwell, S. S.

W. C. Emerson, W. C. —13. Rio Janciro, S. A.

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<i>Candidates—2.</i>	Enterprise, Miss.	Enterprise, V. Enon, V.			44										218	5
	Paulding, "	Paulding, V. Salem, V.			62											
	"	Montrose, V.			20											
	"	Toomsaba, V.			34											
	Aberdeen, "	Pleasant Spring, V.			13						3					
	Perkinsville, "	Hamilton, V.			14	1	5				10				40	38
	Caledonia, "	Perkinsville, V.			30											3
	"	Unity, V.														
	"	New Hope, V.														
	Macon, "	Mt. Moriah, V.														
	Cookesville, "	Centre Point, V.														2
	DeKalb, "	Cookesville, V.														
		DeKalb, V.														
		Philadelphia, V. —43.														
			60	87	1485	24	49	457	\$107	\$61	\$197	\$11			\$7128	\$539
SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.																
1. <i>Presbytery of Holston.</i>																
J. R. King, S. S.	Bristol, Tenn.	Pleasant Grove, S. S.	2	7	64		4	64	4	6		2			150	22
"	"	Cold Spring, S. S.			90	2	5	75	5	8	10	6			176	10
J. D. Tadlock, Prof.	"	Bristol, P.	78	10	369	10	7	150	36	18	18	23			2200	218
G. A. Caldwell, P.	Blountville, "	Blountville, S. S.	3	4	190	2	1	40	6	10	6				450	70
J. P. Briscoe, S. S.	"	New Bethel, S. S.			139											
"	Leesburg, "	Leesburg, S. S.	1	2	85		3	50	13	10	38	6			250	25
S. B. Campbell, S. S.	"	Rheatown, S. S.			25		3	45	5	4	5	4			129	80
	"	Providence, S. S.	5	2	38	1	2	25	2	2	28	2			120	5
W. H. Smith, S. S.	Morristown, "	Morristown, S. S.	12	18	74	3	5	70			71	5			580	129
"	"	Dandridge, S. S.			25										250	250
J. W. Bachman, S. S.	Rogersville, "	Rogersville, S. S.	3		120	1	5	125	16	11	8	5			450	85
"	"	New Providence, S. S.	7	2	107	1	7	80	25	20	10	6			500	115
W. Harrison, D. M.	New Market, "	Mossy Creek, S. S.	11	3	92	4	7	10	27	17	25	19			2360	25
		Pisgah, S. S.		4	58		2	64		11		18			278	8

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James Wilson, W. C.	S. C.															
E. D. Finney, S. S.	Aberdeen, Md.															
Wm. Neil, S. S.	Franklin, Tenn.															
A. N. Cunningham, D. D., S. S.	Franklin, "	New Hope, S. S.	3	1	52	2		53	10		20	10	30	233	73	29
	Nashville, "	Harpeth, S. S.			33			31	8		8		26	200	30	
J. W. Hoyte, M. D., S. S.	Nashville, "															
	McMinnville, "	McMinnville, S. S.	8	6	43	5	1		21			10	16	181	39	5
	Dixon, "	Smectsville, S. S.	14	6	39	14	2		10							
	Tullahoma, "															
And. McElroy, S. S.	Shelbyville, "															
T. D. Wardlaw, M. D., S. S.	Shelbyville, "															
Matthew McFeatters, S. S.	Wartrace, "	Bethsalem, S. S.	3	4	60	1		25						250	20	
	New Middleton, "															
	Shop Spring, "	Spring Creek, S. S.	4		66	2	1	50	5	6	10	4		200	144	
	Cherry Valley, "	Mt. Vernon, S. S.	4	4	90	1				10				120	800	
	Milton, "	Hopewell, S. S.	1	1	62			40			21			225	70	
	Readyville, "	Stones River, S. S.	3	1	55	1	1		8		12			161	6	17
J. H. Bryson, P. E.	Shelbyville, "				66	9	34	16	05	75	77	60		1350	235	239
D. Owen Davies, P.	Clarksville, "	Clarksville, P. E.	16	8	184	6	3	234	360	55	122	49	83	2000	1383	333
John W. Neil, P.	Murfreesboro, "	Murfreesboro, P.	20	6	216	7	13	107	83	122	109	31	36	2018	9056	21
J. H. McNeilly, P.	Nashville, "	Edgefield, P.	17	15	126	5	11	150	180	100	25	80	65	2000	2750	100
J. B. Chapman, P.	Smyrna Depot, "	Smyrna, P.	18	2	57	10	1	73	59	33	22	39	19	600	50	
	Murfreesboro, "	Itall, P.	1	2	41	1		25	9	11	4		6	339	50	
T. V. Moore, D. D., P.	Nashville, "	First Nashville, P.	18	18	419	7	30	839	3205	408	2529	718	388	4500	5686	369
H. B. Bonds, P.	Gallatin, "	Gallatin, P.	12	5	145	13	12	83	9	9	33	14	16	997	436	25
John H. Rice, D. D., S. S.	Franklin, "	Franklin, S. S.	2	6	103		6	80	13	38	50	8	20	1757	210	23
Alex. Cowan, P.	Hendersonville, "	Hendersonville, P.	2	1	31		1	35	12		8	11		282		
	Gallatin, "	Shiloh, S. S.	3	1	46	2								235		
J. B. Shearer, D. D., Presid't.	Clarksville, "															
	Green Hill, "	Hermitage, S. S.			12		1									
	Charlotte, "	New Bethel, V.			20											
	Shelbyville, "															
Silas Woodbury, W. C.	Milton, "															
E. T. Brantley, S. S.	Murfreesboro, "	Cripple Creek, S. S.	12		46	11		25	5					164	19	3
	Woodbury, "	Woodbury, S. S.	3	11	14		3	25						30	22	24
Candidates—3.	Madison Station, "	Madison, S. S.			24			65							250	

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G. W. McPhail, D. D., Pres.	Davidson College, N. C.	College Church, P.	1	2	30	2	2	40	28	43	5	5			10	5
E. F. Rockwell, S. S.	Statesville, "	Third Creek, S. S.			125	7	7	74	6		8	6			100	8
T. N. Paxton, P.	Pleasant Retreat, "	Marion, P.		2	31	5	5	20	23	10	8	7			378	3
	Marion, "	Siloam, S. S.		6	49	4	4	25	25	7	6	4	7		120	3
G. M. Gibbs, S. S.	Mocksville, "	Mocksville, S. S.		2	58	1	3	27	21	4*						
S. C. Milten, W. C.	Fancy Hill, "	Tabor, S. S.		2	21						16				325	22
S. C. Pharr, D. D., P.	Salisbury, "	Thyatira, P.		2	163		13	60	11				7		350	
	Salisbury, "	Franklin, P.		5	80		7	40	6							
B. L. Beall, D. M.	Lenoir, "	Jefferson, D. M.			6											
Jethro Rumble, P.	Salisbury, "	Salisbury, P.		9	118	4	5	80	95	50	1100	10	20		1650	220
	Elk Shoal, "	Salem, V.			32											
D. A. Peniek, P.	Concord, "	Poplar Tent, P.		14	183	1	16	60	111	60	71	11	47		1000	21
	Newton, "	Newton, S. S.		1	37		3	49	17	5		5			150	3
Wm. W. Pharr, P.	Davidson College, "	Centre, P.		5	108		8	50	20	15	13	5			286	87
	Mill Hill, "	Bethphage, P.		8	150		7	40	15	5	5	2			280	20
E. H. Harding, P. E.	Milton, "	Concord Town, V.			142											
	Davidson College, "	Bethel, V.		2	89		8		12						175	9
	Deep Well, "	Prospect, V.		7	344		22	100	60	21					400	20
	Mt. Ulla, "	Back Creek, V.			100		4	40	9						160	11
Robert Bradley, S. S.	Fancy Hill, "	Concord, S. S.		3	175		7	70	12	9					142	
	Taylorsville, "	Taylorsville, S. S.		2	73		4	40	17		5				125	25
W. A. Wood, P.	Statesville, "	Fourth Creek, "		4	131		14	75	87	79	10	5			1600	
	Amity Hill, "	Bethesda, V.			90											
R. H. Caldwell,	Carthage, Miss.	Fifth Creek, V.			75											
	Bethany Church, N. C.	Bethany, V.			75											
J. B. Mack P. E.	Pioneer Mills, "	Rocky River, P. E.		4	290		16	80	141	- 42	62	49			250	55
	Salisbury, "	Unity, S. S.		1	80		5		17						150	
J. C. Kennedy,	Salisbury, "	Wilkesboro, S. S.			21				20							
—18.	Davidson College, "	Morganton, S. S.			95				15							
Candidates—12.	Morganton, "	Morganton, V. —32.		58	553013	6	159	1020	\$837	\$350	\$1344	\$109	\$81		\$8141	\$526
2. Presbytery of Fayetteville.																
Hector McLean, P.	Melrose, N. C.	Antioch, P.		7	140		9	30	2	8	13	2	3		200	18
	" "	Philadelphia, P.			70		2	35	1	6	8	1	1		150	11
Hector McNeill, P.	" "	Bethel, P.		1	85		3	35	2	6	6				176	9

Maleom McNair, Co-P.	Melrose, N. C.	Lumber Bridge, P.	57	8	4	3	25	3	4	6	3	173	10
Jas. P. McPherson, S. S.	Fayetteville, "	McPherson's, S. S.	57	8	4	2	40	2	10	7	250	131	6
	"	Galatia, S. S.	150	2	12	2	50	2	4	7	250	14	3
	"	Sandy Grove, S. S.	92	1	2	3	5	3	2	6	200	3	3
Neill McKay, D. D., S. S.	Summerville, "	Salem, S. S.	41	1	2	4	20	4	9	10	100	3	3
Andrew McMillan, S. S.	Rockingham, "	Mt. Carmel, S. S.	39						3		75	3	3
	"	Mark's Creek, S. S.	37										
	"	Rockingham, S. S.	28			2	40	2	5		150	65	
	"	Mizpah, S. S.											
H. McAlister, W. C., <i>inform</i> ,	Fayetteville, "	St. Paul's, S. S.	135	12	4	8	9	25	11	4	10	223	12
J. M. Sherwood, Ed., S. S.	"	Big Rockfish, S. S.	131	5		1	4	50	20	8	12	200	10
	"	Bluff, P.	100	1				60		3	14	225	6
D. D. McBryde, P.	Little River Acy, N. C.	Sardis, S. S.	75	2	1			25	13	15	28	335	34
Martin McQueen, P.	"	Union, P. P.	300	3	2	1	6	75	8	14	7	466	34
	"	Carthage, P.	220	8			4	40	19	6	6	333	27
	"	Buffalo, S. S.	206	3	2	3	120	7	13	11	10	200	38
James McQueen, S. S.	Swan's Station, N. C.	St. Andrew's, S. S.	93	10		5	13	40	9	6	2	200	5
	"	Mt. Pisgah, S. S.	45	4	1		2	32	1	1	1	170	5
N. T. Bowden, S. S.	Covington, "	Harmony, S. S.	44	2			1		1	1		84	
Arehibald McQueen, P.	Shoe Heel, "	Ashpole, P.	342	2	2	1	7	25	10	8	5	506	18
	"	Ionia, S. S.	28										
John H. Coble, P.	"	Centre, P.	235	3	3	1	8	78	10	35	9	25	
H. G. Hill, P.	Fayetteville, "	Fayetteville, P.	166	12	1	1	6	204	140	73	83	3042	40
David Fairley, P.	Manchester, "	China Grove, P.	86							7	10	5	
	"	Cypress, P.	72							2	1		
	"	Long Street, S. S.	89	3	1				1				
Malcom McNair, S. S.	Melrose, "	Montpelier, S. S.	5							12	12		
A. N. Ferguson, S. S.	Carthage, "	Euphonia, S. S.	117	1	1	4	20		13			200	5
K. M. McIntyre, P.	Sulphur Spring, "	Mineral Spring, P.	129						2	3	2	200	8
	"	Sharon, S. S.	71	1		1	50		7	10	7	136	5
	"	Pee Dee, S. S.	21						2			98	
	"	Macedonia, S. S.	135	1		8	20		2	5		500	37
	"	Bethesda, S. S.	139	1		1	8	60					
Joseph Evans, S. S., P. --19.	Smyrna, S. S.	Bethlehem, V.	13	9		1	3	92		7	10	8	
	Shoe Heel, N. C.	Bensalem, V.	126	9		3				3		260	6
		Laurel Hill, V.	180										
		Laurinburg, V.	42										

J. D. A. Brown, Evangelist, Peter Gowan, Evangelist, —13.	Orangeburg, S. C. Charleston, S. C.	21	3	54	14	6	36	37	\$984	\$2206	\$224	\$111	\$6522	\$7214	\$490
	Orangeburg church,	54	413	14	3	36	37	36					700	128	115
	Zion church,	10	9	200	6	2	515	32					220	309	115
	First ch., Columbia,						802	157					184	17	7
	John's Is. & Wadn'w,												164	85	
	Beech Island church,	1		40			23	7						35	
	Mt. Pleasant,			6			17								
	Stoney Creek church,			24											
	Barnwell church,			17											
	Summerville church,			25											
	Harmony church,			21											
	Wilton church,			37											
	James' Island church,			24											
	Central church,			87											
	Salem (colored), —19.			49											
		142	37	1752	51	72	1278	\$5824	\$984	\$2206	\$224	\$111	\$6522	\$7214	\$490
	Darlington, P.	1		63	1	3	25	19	76	10	11		431	350	12
	Mt. Zion, P.	2		86		6	45	123	153	149		19	504	93	
	Sec. Sus. & For. Miss.														
	Midway, P.	3		152		11		20	20	11			400		5
	Sumterville, P.	4		137	1	20		35	31	39	28	20	1100		13
	Williamsburg, S. S.			43											
	Camden, P.	1	2	93		7	50	22	37	10	19	15	757	781	11
	Indiantown, V.	3	1	85		9	30	27	8	8			335	27	12
	Reedy Creek, P.	2		113		1	45	17	12	15			120		15
	Carolina, P.	2		95		5	35	17	9	18			350		4
	Liberty Hill, P.			58											
	Manning, S. S.	6	4	107		2	40	22	19		10		75		2
	Brewington, S. S.			35			15	6	20	3			95	1	3
	Salem (L. R.), P.			122											
	Great Pee Dee, V.	3	1	32		1		16	18	19			401	6	
	Bishopville, P.	5	1	73		2	33	17	23	35	9		305	12	9
	Hephzibah, P.	5	1	42		3	17	10	6	5	8				
	Hopewell, S. S.			90											
	Lynchburg, S. S.			35		2							150		8
	Concord, S. S.			110		1		12		19		7	364	12	18

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Candidates—2.

3. Presbytery of Harmony.

W. Brearley, P.	Darlington,	S. C.
W. M. Reid, P.	Mayesville,	"
J. L. Wilson, D. D.	Mayesville,	"
P. Pierson, P.	New Zion,	"
D. McQueen, P.	Sumter,	"
G. W. Boggs, W. C.	Columbia,	"
S. H. Hay, P.	Camden,	"
G. Morgan, D. D., W. C.	Sumter,	"
J. A. Cousar, P.	Little Rock,	"
J. G. Richards, P.	Liberty Hill,	"
J. McDowell, Evangelist,	Manning,	"
W. B. Corbett, P.	Winnaboro,	"
H. M. Brearley, W. C.	Bennettsville,	"
W. A. Gregg, P.	Bishopville,	"
D. McDuffie, W. C.	Little Rock,	"
J. L. Bartlett, S. S.	Sumter,	"

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J. E. Dunlop, P.	Marion, S. C.	Beulah, S. S.	1		34	1	3	28	5	5				300	25	5
G. R. Brackett, P.	Winnsboro, "	Marion, P.			13	34					53	20		1008	88	22
E. H. Buist, P.	Cheraw, "	Florence, S. S.	2		84		8	40	17	20	65	10		616	191	26
W. S. Plumer, D. D.	Columbia, "	Cheraw, P.	4	2	63		3	58	28	37						
W. W. Mills, P.	Winnsboro, "	Prof. Theo. Seminary.														
		Lebanon, P.	1		82	1	6	25	21	39	34	14	12	656	21	18
		Horeb, P.			44		2	7	7	16	3	3	3	136	8	2
		Salem (B. R.), P.			104	1	6	50	38	144	107	26	27	850	350	6
N. W. Dow, P.	Mayesville, "	Atinwell, P.	7		50	1	2	20	20	8	13			264	7	21
J. R. Edmunds, P.	Hopkins' T. O. "	Beaver Creek, S. S.	3		51		1	10	4	13				159	8	1
H. C. DuBose, Miss. to China, —24.		Pine Tree, V.	12		55	3	1	28			2			150	2	1
		Little Pee Dee, V.	1		109	1	1	20	4							
		Pisgah, V.			38											
		White Oak,			22		1			8					195	8
		Bennettsville, S. S.	2	2	33										19	
		Elon, S. S.			34		1					3			53	
		Red Bluff,			38			22	5							
		Kingston, V.			27											
		Turkey Creek, V.			32		3	57	4	7	39	6		100	69	5
		Union, S. S.	4	2	43			50	18	12	20		7		649	
		Centre Point, V.			16											
		Hermon.			3											
			72	16	2380	11	111	750	\$537	\$741	\$687	\$173	\$120	\$9626	\$2959	\$229
4. Pres. of South Carolina.	Equality, S. C.	Carmel, P.	11	7	133	3	4	34	36	4	4	4		200	16	20
J. L. Kennedy, P.	Williamston, S. C.	Williamston, S. S.			22				6		2	1		66		2
W. Carlie, superannuated,	Anderson C. H., S. C.															
J. B. Adger, D. D.	Columbia, S. C.	Prof. Theo. Seminary.														
E. T. Buist, D. D., P.	Greenville, S. C.	Washington Street, P.					6	90	18	6	17			800	80	14
S. Donnelly, W. C.	Greenwood, S. C.	Honea Path.	11	3	82	2	2									
D. McN. Turner, D. D. in trans	Honea Path, S. C.															
W. McWhorter, S. S.	Brevard, N. C.															
	Bachelor's Retr't, S. C.															

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Candidates—5.

W. H. Davis, S. S.	Calhoun's Mills, S. C.	Nazareth (B. D.), N. C.	56	4	3	2	65	20	9	16	6	181	12
J. F. Gibert, P.	Abbeville C. H., S. C.	Lodinont, S. S.	68		4	2							
Z. L. Holmes, S. S.		Lebanon, P.	99										
		Betha, S. C.											
C. B. Stewart, S. S.	Laurens C. H., S. C.	Warrior's Creek, S. S.	24	1						4		30	1
	Clinton, S. C.	Duncan's Creek, S. S.											
	Martin's Depot, S. C.	Little River, S. S.											
	Fairview, S. C.												
	Laurens C. H., S. C.	Friendship, S. S.	2	2	3	57	5	5	18	5	3	150	2
John McLees, P.	Seuffletown, S. C.	New Harmony, S. S.	2	2	4	50	20	20		10		169	2
J. B. Hillhouse, T.	Greenwood, S. C.	Rock, P.	131	6	7	42				16		640	30
	Newberry C. H., S. C.												
		Mt. Bethel, V.	14										
		Gilder's Creek, V.	6										
R. H. Reid, P.	Reidville, S. C.	Nazareth, P.	1	1	8	160	70	70	10	99	8	639	30
J. O. Lindsay, P.		Mt. Tabor.											
	Duc West, S. C.												
	Abbeville C. H., S. C.	Upper Long Cane, P.											
	Newberry C. H., S. C.	Hopewell, S. S.	142	2	3	40	41	41	11	26	7	525	30
R. A. Mickle, P.	Walhalla, S. C.	Aveleigh, P.	51	3	1	2	2	2	4	15		250	12
E. F. Hyde, S. S.	Bachelor's Retr't, S. C.		59	6	10	48	42	42	14	25	11	800	20
	Walhalla, S. C.												
		Retreat, S. S.											
		Richland, S. S.	52			30							
		Bethel, S. S.											
W. P. Gready, P.	Gainesville, Ga.												
W. F. Pearson, P.	Storeville, S. C.	Greenville, P.	151	8	6	40	30	30	12	31		165	30
	Duc West, S. C.	Ninety-Six, S. S.	23		1								
	Ninety-Six, S. C.	Varnnes.	72										
	Storeville, S. C.												
J. R. Riley, P.	Laurens C. H., S. C.	Laurens C. H., P.	1	1	1	80	113	113		16		1000	25
Hugh McLees, S. S.	Pendleton, S. C.	Hopewell (Pen.), S. S.	2	2	2	20	34	34	29	22		400	12
	Walhalla, S. C.	Walhalla, S. S.	21										
W. P. Jacobs, P.	Clinton, S. C.	Clinton, P.	10	5	14	77	38	38	12	57		700	10
J. S. McKittrick, S. S.	" "	Shady Grove, S. S.	36										
	Laurens C. H., S. C.	Bethany, S. S.	35	1	5		18	18				200	10
		Rocky Spring, S. S.	178										
A. P. Nicholson, P.	Duc West, S. C.	Providence, P.	7	5	5	20	23	23	3	4		418	16
	Greenwood, S. C.	Rocky River, P.	45		3		23	23	8	8			12
Thos. H. Law, P.	Spartanburg C. H., S. C.	Spartanburg C. H., P.	1	6	6	60	41	41	118	54	17	651	9

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L. K. Glasgow, P. Hugh Strong, P.	Willington, S. C. Cross Hill, S. C.	Willington, P. Liberty Spring, P.	6	6	58	3		99	25	20	12	12		425	286	6
J. L. Martin, P. D. E. Frierson, P.	Newberry C. H., S. C. Abbeville C. H., S. C. Anderson C. H., S. C. Double Branches, S. C. Fairview, S. C. Reidville, S. C. Belton, S. C. Greenwood, S. C. Seuffletown, S. C. Storeville, S. C. Anderson C. H., S. C. Pickens C. H., S. C. Spartanburg C. H., S. C. Rock Mills, S. C.	Smyrna, S. S. Abbeville, P. Anderson C. H., P. Midway, P. Fairview, V. Antioch. Broadway. Bethesda, V. Mt. Calvary. Little Mountain, V. Mt. Zion, S. S. Pickens C. H., V. North Pacolet. Good Hope, P. E. Roberts, P. E.	8	3	44	1	5	46	40	21	7	9		350	70	22
-29.			1	3	73		3	50	82	190	100	50	25	600	344	25
			3	3	105			6	50	72	16		5	150	200	
			2		194		12	79	47		12	6			50	30
			2		28		1	75	6		5	5	4			6
			2		46		3							165	70	6
<i>Licentiate</i> —3. J. M. Robinson, J. S. Young, T. C. Ligon,			1		26		5	40	49	10	24	6		200	125	12
<i>Candidates</i> —4.					101		1		56					150	65	12
			116	46	3225	41	134	757	\$960	\$503	\$622	\$131	\$77	\$10074	\$1890	\$431
SYNOD OF TEXAS. 1. <i>Presbytery of Brazos</i> , J. W. Miller, D. D., P. " " S. S. W. C. Somerville, S. S. Samuel McKinney, D. D. R. F. Bunting, D. D., P. James Wilson, S. S. " " " " " " " " " R. H. Byers, D. D., S. S. " " " " " "	{ Brenham, " Washington, Greencastle, Indiana. Huntsville, Houston, Galveston, " Bryan, Bryan, " Centreville, " Madisonville, " Clear Creek Sta., Bryan, Hempstead,	{ Prospect, P. Washington, S. S. Agent Austin College. Houston, P. E. Galveston, P. Concord, S. S. Centreville, S. S. Bethel, S. S. Wheelock, S. S. Hempstead, S. S.		2	3	2	4	160	36	110	40		650	1713	51	
			20	14	220	2	17	287	55	74	595	17	42	3500	2626	785
			1		21		7	30	11		5	5		220		16
			4		28		6		6		6	7		110		8
			12	4	26	3	3	34	8	12	8	12		510	30	18
			6	4	18	4	4	40						93	990	10

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J. W. Pratt, P.	Lexington,	Lexington, P.	20	30	324	7	7	360	396	297	844	125	91	2000	961	28
W. E. Baker, P.	Staunton,	Staunton, P.	26	17	280	9	12	260	172	169	295	32	42	1500	8428	104
D. B. Ewing, P.	Swoope's Depot,	Hebron, P.	5	2	97	1	8	60	63	43	85		28	800	1275	13
E. D. Junkin, P.	Brownsburg,	New Providence, P.	11	3	362	6	18	240	223	234	96	47	60	1300	480	35
C. S. M. Sec, D. M.	Philippi,	Philippi, S. S.	3	2	19			15		10				35	775	3
R. C. Walker, P.	Parnassus,	Leading Creek, S. S.	1	17		1	1	15								25
J. R. Bowman, P.	Harrisonburg,	Union, P.	2		94	1	1	85	60	17	8	8	5	515	48	9
S. W. Watkins, D. M.	Cross Keys,	Harrisonburg, P.	11	5	131	3	6	73	57	21	12		14	1000	200	12
W. T. Price, P.	Mt. Clinton,	Massanutton, S. S.	5	1	21	3	1	35	10	7	9	4	5	300		2
R. P. Kennedy, P.	Bath Court House,	Cooke's Creek, P.	13	4	116	5	9	50	40	12	13		2	500		89
James Murray, Co-P.	Milboro Springs,	Warm Springs, P.	1	2	43	2	2	51	35	56	29	7	8	350	31	5
H. H. Hayes, P.	Greenville,	Windy Cove, P.	3	2	54	1	6	40	50	24	20	3	10	356	18	9
D. Blain, P.	Mt. Meridian,	Bethel, Co-P.	4	4	153		13	92	93	43	117	27	24	745	430	140
H. Gilmore, S. S.	Collierstown,	Mt. Horeb, P.	22	6	83	9	5	90	17	13	16	15	6	600	10	16
M. H. Houston, F. M.	Middlebrook,	Collierstown, P.	4	6	112	1	6	150	33	31	22	7	12	450	119	30
J. H. H. Winfree, P.	Fairfield,	Shemariah, S. S.	4		50	3	1	30	20	11	6	6	4	343	20	11
—35.	Williamson, China.	Fairfield, S. S.	1		75		3	40	23	15	6	3	8	235	24	9
F. M. Swoope,	Hancock, Va.	Williamsville, P.	2		27	1	3	50	6	8	3	8	4	195		1
G. B. Strickler, P. E.	McDowell,	Stoney Run.	6	1	20	4	6		1	2	2	2				
E. C. Gordon, S. S.	Fishersville,	McDowell, V.	4		35			35		10	5	10		300		13
	Hightown,	Tinkling Springs, P. E.	9	8	162	3		100	175	84	45	36		843	109	23
	New Hampden,	Pisgah, V.	3		31	1	1	50		6	3	3				5
	Goshen Depot,	Crab Bottom, V.	7		24	1	1	35	5	4						2
		Lebanon, S. S.			95	2	8	65	30	20	37		10	100	20	
		Kerr's Creek, V.			20											
		Oxford, V.			78											
		Pendleton, V.			15											
			267	149	3779	93	176	2999	\$1849	\$1351	\$1885	\$548	\$444	\$17850	\$14666	\$1299
6. <i>Presbytery of Montgomery.</i>	Fancy Hill,															
John D. Ewing, W. C.	Buchanan,	Buchanan, P.		3	24			32			14	10		270	135	
Andrew Hart, P.		Mt. Carmel, S. S.	1		24		3	50	1		2	1		75	123	
James B. Ramsey, D. D., T. Lynchburg,																

Candidates.—8.

MINISTERS, Etc.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. S. & B.C.	Susten- tation.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Educa- tion.	Publi- cation.	Dis Min & Wid. & Orph.	Pastors' Salaries	Congre- gation- al.	Miscel- laneous
Alexander Martin, P.	Danville,	Concord, P.	4	1	76	3	2	43	11	9	4	8	4	173	127	21
Wm. H. Matthews, P.	Pittsylvania,	Danville, P.	2	7	145	1	10	54	78	46	37	32	21	1275	1350	17
Hugh A. Brown, P.	Mossingford,	" Pittsylvania C. H., P.		3	59			3	9	5	9	4	5	350	30	20
		" Bethesda, P.			84		1	16	26	23	14	12	7	413	35	10
		" Cab Creek, S. S.	1		37			35	9	5	8	10	5	217	10	10
C. R. Vaughan, S. S.	Coles Ferry,	" Castle Creek, V.														
R. C. Anderson, S. S.	Martinsville,	" Henry, S. S.	4		17	3		30	2	4	3	2		70		1
A. B. Carrington, P. E.	Aspinwall,	" Hat Creek, P. E.	26	1	156	11	6	30	8	3	5	3	2	140		5
		" Providence, S. S.						18	7	2	1			150		11
		" Rough Creek, S. S.			36				3					166	60	18
Jos. W. Walkup, P.	Spout Spring,	" Old Concord, P.	6	1	59		1	40	7	8	10			176		5
		" New Concord, S. S.	12	1	66	4	1	35	3	5	3			51		1
		" Diamond Hill, V.	3		21	2			4					300	10	10
G. H. Gilmer, P.	Halifax C. H.	" Mersey Seat, P.	1	1	30	1	6	12	5	6	11	2	4	300	314	3
		" Halifax C. H., S. S.	2		44	4	1	30	4	1	44	10		630	59	30
	Aspinwall.	" Reanoke, S. S.			40	1										1
		" Pennel, V.			2				5						24	2
John M. Cochran, S. S.		" Christiansville, V.	1	17	29			50	45	52	7	20		504	60	
R. N. Anderson, W. C.		" Village, P.	5	2	179	2		38	13		37	28		600	200	
G. Nash Morton, F. M.	Charlotte C. H.,	" Spring Hill, S. S.	3		75	1	4	20	7		10			200		
Wm. R. Atkinson, P.	" Black Walnut,	" Mt. Carmel, S. S.			15				7							
H. R. Laird, S. S.		" Bluestone, V.			62				23	9	7		7			
—20. Licentiate—1.		" Wylicsburg, V.			16				4	8	9		4			
H. E. C. Baskerville.																
Candidates—3.			73	69	1715	35	50	633	\$327	\$262	\$271	\$190	\$79	\$7496	\$2564	\$259
S. Pres. of West Hanover.																
W. H. McGuffey, D. D.	University of Va.	Prof. University of Va.														
Benj. M. Smith, D. D.	Hampden Sidney,	" College, P.	6	2	144		7	89	123	62	62	28		600	269	52
R. L. Dabney, D. D., P.	" "	" College, P.	5	2	60	1	16	50	41	15	9	15	11	500	20	6
W. S. Thompson, P.	New Canton,	" Trinity, P.														
J. M. P. Atkinson, D. D.	Hampden Sidney,	" Pres. Hamp. Stud. Col.														
B. M. Wailes, P.	Nelly's Ford,	" Rockfish, P.			40		2	70	33	16	6	13	3	205	321	7
		" Cove, P.	3	3	42			25	40	26	24			370	226	7
Edgar Woods, P.	Charlottesville,	" Charlottesville, P.	28	12	159	7	12	91	376	207	170	90	52	1150	616	86
H. P. R. McCoy, P.	Thompson's N. R. Rd.,	" Providence, P.	1		54		4		15	8	5	1	4	56		

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Geo. Wm. White, P. William A. Crawford, S. S. John M. Clymer, P.	Moorefield, W. Va. Winchester, Va. New Creek, W. Va.	Moorefield, P. Opequon, S. S. Mt. Hope, P.	4 3 9	2 20 3	145 20 40		9 1	75 20 34	50 42 9	168 22 5	96 62	26 21	30 10	835 300 300	951 75 75	20 5 25
Abner C. Hopkins, P. Geo. L. Leyburn, P.	Charlestown, " Winchester, Va.	Piedmont, P. Charlestown, P.	3 6	3 4	41 174	1 2	1 13	44 70	9 93	9 255	61	33	35	500 912	543 211	3 65
Geo. Williamson Finley, P.	Romney, W. Va.	Loudoun St., P. Romney, P.	6 17	4 13	154 110	2 5	2 12	130 66	47 112	122 163	179 71	5 65	10 29	900 800	253 60	150 342
Thomas E. Converse, P. E. —18.	Woodstock, Va.	Springfield, P. Woodstock, P. E.	5 4	5 1	38 75	3 1	3 1	30 50	22 12	15 16	9 25	9 14	6	118 350	62	28 5
<i>Licentiate</i> —2. John M. Harris, William Johnston, <i>Candidates</i> —7.	Romney, W. Va. Cumberland, Md.	Strasburg, P. E. Mt. Zion, V. North River, V. Bloomery, V. Concord, V. Back Creek, V.	1 2	10 40	64 16	1 1	6	60	15 8	2 25	10	1		250	374	10
			102	76	1925	29	94	1252	\$857	\$1066	\$871	\$324	\$196	\$10260	\$4866	\$925

SUMMARY VIEW OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Communicants added on Examination.	Communicants added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Children in S. S. and Bible Classes.	Funds raised for Sustentation and Presbyterial Missions.	Funds raised for Foreign Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Publication.	Funds raised for Disabled Ministers, etc.	Pastors' Salaries.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.	NAMES OF STATED CLERKS.
East Alabama.	16	2	3	38	173	56	2093	50	83	1283	\$1240	\$290	\$616	\$230	\$174	\$12259	\$20510	\$2690	F. McMurray.
South Alabama.	14	1	4	44	130	84	2585	42	98	1536	2552	1024	1362	389	256	15527	18389	3906	H. R. Raymond.
Tuscaloosa.	12		3	25	74	56	1219	29	47	737	320	232	487	201	199	6814	2427	1300	C. A. Stillman.
Arkansas.	13	1	2	32	78	156	1061	27	66	838	803	823	1352	244	459	9520	8710	889	T. R. Welch.
Indian.	8			20	204	21	904	79	79	80	21	42	17	38	29		217	42	J. H. Colton.
Ouachita.	14	4	4	27	50	29	1104	17	48	686	123	358	453	114	46	7068	2768	562	M. J. Wallace.
Atlanta.	13	1	4	28	85	92	1643	37	60	930	837	160	292	91	68		11077	3420	James Staey.
Augusta.	17	2	12	34	90	54	1838	47	72	689	1495	950	862	41	86	9738	7446	373	F. Jacobs.
Cherokee.	15	1	1	31	39	52	1268	15	51	525	418	287	426	51	38	5972	969	1619	John W. Baker.
Florida.	17		1	25	96	39	971	17	51	625	238	97	129	33	45	7069	2911	2081	T. L. DeVeaux.
Macon.	12		1	16	57	42	978	9	52	757	809	387	1013	127	133	7327	4607	374	James H. Nall.
Savannah.	9	1	1	18	26	41	689	1	34	115	156	228	379	123	81	6015	1804	187	A. W. Clisby.
Central Ohio.	5		2	6	6	11	184	2	3	112	23	62	39	17	14	1224	336	54	Robert Morrison.
Ebenezer.	14		2	23	97	43	1247	41	40	1008	723	317	227	72	62	9380	30309	1031	H. M. Seudder.
Louisville.	29	3		30	93	94	1748	28	96	1579	5781	575	3010	232	14	12051	25969	4270	P. H. Thompson.
Muhlenburg.	7			14	91	17	635	26	85	430	762	136	212	57	82	4321	1509	684	W. D. Morton.
Paducah.	4			9	28	20	478	8	26	417	437	64	142	50	39		4584	52	J. T. Hendrick.
Pennsylvania.	13	1	4	27	42	14	1048	13	5	317	315	130	300			5284	5046	J. V. Logan.	
West Lexington.	11		1	27	148	50	1444	72	32	390	602	255	209	133	50		16037	1234	W. George.
Chickasaw.	16		4	32	38	50	1362	40	40	626	483	133	319	64	52	5653	7011	178	W. A. Gray.
Memphis.	23	1	5	29	173	96	2072	48	98	1499	865	613	1041	384	273	17720	14975	985	R. R. Evans.
North Mississippi.	25		6	25	83	65	1085	17	67	517	268	95	551	55	17	6057	3256	286	E. C. Davidson.
Western District.	9	1	3	23	47	39	1057	15	25	452	256	61	399	22		2163	2828	535	E. S. Campbell.
Central Mississippi.	20		4	48	159	141	1838	14	90	1322	1140	124	487	84	465	12116	10789	1541	C. M. Atkinson.
Louisiana.	8			14	13	2	507	3	9	30	48	65	40	75		995	94	60	J. E. C. Doremus.
Mississippi.	15	1		22	34	29	1032	10	46	458	272	357	316	128	60	5054	3526	948	M. W. Trawick.
New Orleans.	15		1	17	169	88	1713	24	138	2757	1557	1275	1684	495			43817	1559	W. Flinn.

PRESBYTERIES.	Minis- ters.	Licen- tiate.	Candi- dates.	Ch'rch- es.	Com. on ex.	Com. on cer.	Total Com.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	Ch. in S. & B.C.	Susten- tation.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Educa- tion.	Publi- cation.	Dis.Min & Wid. & Orph.	Pastors' Salaries	Congrega- tional.	Miscel- laneous	NAMES OF STATED CLERKS.
Red River,	6			17	23	17	471	13	21	231	\$101	11	84	11	66	2850	\$15500	\$474 C. Harrington.	
Tombekbee,	13		2	43	60	87	1185	24	49	457	107	61	197	11			7128	339 J. N. Carothers.	
Holston,	10	1	4	23	153	69	1659	24	63	848	156	121	245	96			8070	1056 J. W. Bachman.	
Knoxville,	8		4	22	59	42	951	27	62	530	200	171	180	41	207	5415	3007	215 James Park.	
Nashville,	21	3	3	26	228	107	2205	108	100	2060	4062	867	3054	1044	705	17842	21332	1188 H. B. Boude.	
North Alabama,	17	3	1	23	114	59	1848	47	49	877	560	184	209	136	15	4990	11975	2284 W. H. Vernor.	
Concord,	18	1	12	32	58	55	3013	6	159	1020	837	350	1344	109	81	1200	8141	526 W. W. Pharr.	
Fayetteville,	19	12	12	46	126	50	4261	27	115	1329	323	290	307	131	4		8721	789 J. P. McPherson.	
Mecklenburg,	23	5	5	39	82	65	3314	11	216	1803	2630	323	490	332	186		17686	1553 R. Z. Johnston.	
Orange,	21	3	9	50	68	48	2626	23	90	1323	532	609	987	342			5954	2168 Jacob Doll.	
Wilmington,	14	2	4	25	116	31	1050	26	33	472	271	156	149	32	47	5840	6575	172 L. McKinnon.	
Bethel,	17	2	6	34	104	40	2732	33	97	496	382	510	309	118			6962	1754 John L. Wilson.	
Charleston,	13	1	2	19	142	37	1752	51	72	1278	5824	984	2206	224	111	6322	7214	490 C. S. Vedder.	
Harmony,	24	5	4	41	72	16	2580	11	111	750	537	741	687	173	120	9926	2959	229 W. A. Gregg.	
South Carolina,	29	3	4	54	116	46	3225	41	134	757	960	503	622	131	77	10074	1890	431 R. A. Mickle.	
Brazos,	11		2	21	76	33	743	13	75	716	175	159	862	131	71	6722	6343	1062 R. F. Bunting.	
Central Texas,	12			15	62	70	542	18	48	283	304	132	143	83	42	5570	5328	337 L. Tenney.	
Eastern Texas,	13			26	114	84	802	39	65	470	163	82	265	62	7	3583	3079	264 S. F. Tenney.	
Western Texas,	12			26	33	30	547	9	49	392	195	71	67	61			6091	240 R. M. Longbridge.	
Abingdon,	18	1	7	25	63	42	1111	13	93	620	206	200	354	63	50	6392	1997	504 W. S. Lacy.	
Chesapeake,	25	2	1	22	120	80	1672	20	62	1382	2582	1282	2849	225	324	15482	9062	1807 John B. Ross.	
East Hanover,	23	1	5	26	224	147	3066	73	142	3105	2213	1328	2479	770	266	23088	25052	2053 W. A. Campbell.	
Greenbrier,	14	2	5	25	123	37	1551	38	63	850	596	260	206	118	40	4903	2012	369 M. L. Lacy.	
Lexington,	35	3	8	42	267	139	3779	93	176	2999	1849	1351	1885	548	444	17850	14666	1299 R. C. Walker.	
Montgomery,	17	4	7	24	128	65	1814	24	70	1514	543	510	1224	364	209	8551	5286	638 T. W. Hooper.	
Roanoke,	20	1	3	31	73	69	1715	35	50	633	327	262	271	190	79	7496	2504	259 H. A. Brown.	
West Hanover,	15	3	3	25	73	51	1286	19	72	833	935	432	363	203	117	6567	2454	986 Edgar Woods.	
Winchester,	18	2	7	32	102	76	1925	29	94	1252	857	1066	871	324	196	10260	4866	925 J. R. Graham.	
55 Presbyteries.	860	52	184	1518	5302	3173	87529	1628	3971	50355	\$51101	\$22386	\$39404	\$9026	\$6200	\$357778	\$474043	\$73852	

A GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS, FROM REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1871.

SYNODS.	RESPECTIVE PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Ministers.			No. of Churches.	No. of Communi- cants.	PLACE OF NEXT MEET- ING.	TIME OF NEXT MEETING.	NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF STATED CLERKS.
<i>Alabama,</i> <i>Arkansas.</i>	East Alabama, South Alabama, Tuska- loosa, Arkansas, Indian, Ouachita.	42 35	107 79	5897 3069			Tuskegee, Ala. Little Rock, Ark.	October 18, 7½ p. m. October 19, 7 p. m.	Rev. R. Nall, D. D., Tuskegee, Ala. Rev. T. R. Welch, D. D., Little Rock, Ark.
<i>Georgia,</i> <i>Kentucky,</i>	Atlanta, Augusta, Cherokee, Florida, Ma- con, Savannah, Central Ohio, Ebenezer, Louisville, Muh- lenburg, Paducah, Transylvania, West Lexington.	83	152	7388			Athens, Ga.	October 19, 7 p. m.	Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Memphis,</i> <i>Mississippi,</i>	Chickasaw, Memphis, North Mississippi, Western District, Central Mississippi, Louisiana, Missis- sippi, New Orleans, Red River, Tom- beckee.	83 73	136 109	6784 5376			Danville, Ky. Jackson, Tenn.	October 11, 7½ p. m. October 19, 7 p. m.	Rev. F. G. Strahan, Georgetown, Ky. Rev. R. R. Evans, Germantown, Tenn.
<i>Nashville,</i> <i>North Carolina,</i> <i>South Carolina,</i>	Holston, Knoxville, Nashville, North Ala- bama, Concord, Fayetteville, Mecklenburg, Or- ange, Wilmington, Bethel, Charleston, Harmony, South Caro- lina.	77 56 95	161 94 192	7046 6663 14264			Vicksburg, Miss. Knoxville, Tenn. Fayetteville, N. C.	November 1, 7½ p. m. October 26, 7½ p. m. October 11, 7½ p. m.	Rev. R. McInnis, Oxford, Miss. Rev. James Park, Knoxville, Tenn. Rev. Jacob Ball, Yanceyville, N. C.
<i>Texas,</i> <i>Virginia.</i>	Brazos, Central Texas, Eastern Texas, Western Texas, Abingdon, Chesapeake, East Hanover, Greenbrier, Lexington, Montgomery, Roanoke, West Hanover, Winchester,	83 48	148 88	10289 2634			Santerville, S. C. Waco, Texas.	November 13, 7½ p. m. November 2, 11 a. m.	Rev. Wm. Banks, Lancasterville, S. C. Rev. L. Tenney, Carolina, Texas.
		185	252	17919			1st church, Lynch- burg, Va.	October 18, 7½ p. m.	Rev. Jas. P. Smith, Fredericksburg, Va.
		860	1518	87529					

GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

During the Year ending April 1, 1871, according to the foregoing Presbyterian Reports.

Synods in connection with the General Assembly, ...	11
Presbyteries, ...	55
Ministers and Licentiates, ...	912
Candidates, ...	184
Churches, ...	1,518
Licensures, ...	21
Ordinations, ...	20
Installations, ...	52
Pastoral relations dissolved, ...	45
Churches organised, ...	46
Churches dissolved, ...	9
Ministers received from other denominations, ...	4
Churches received from other denominations, ...	4
Churches dismissed to other denominations, ...	1
Members added on examination, ...	5,302
Members added on certificate, ...	3,173
Whole number of communicants, ...	87,529
Churches not reporting number of communicants, ...	98
Adults baptized, ...	1,628
Infants baptized, ...	3,971
Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, ...	50,355

MONEYS CONTRIBUTED.

To Sustentation and Presbyterian Domestic Missions, ...	\$51,101
To Foreign Missions, ...	22,386
To Education, ...	39,404
To Publication, ...	9,626
To Fund for Disabled Ministers, etc., ...	6,200
To Salaries, ...	357,778
To Congregational purposes, ...	474,043
To Miscellaneous, ...	73,852
Total, ...	<u>\$1,034,390</u>

The following named Ministers have died during the past year, according to the Presbyterian Reports, viz.:

J. F. Watson,	Presbytery of	Ouachita.
H. Safford,	"	Augusta.
W. D. Symington,	"	Transylvania.
J. G. Simrall,	"	West Lexington.
N. Gordon,	"	West Lexington.
R. B. Campbell.	"	Central Mississippi.
John McElhenny. D. D..	"	Greenbrier.
A. D. Montgomery,	"	Concord.
James Morrison.	"	Lexington.

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FROM 1861 TO 1871.

- 1861. Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D.
- 1862. Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.
- 1863. Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.
- 1864. Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. George Howe, D. D.
- 1866. Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D.
- 1867. Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D.
- 1868. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
- 1869. Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D.
- 1870. Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D.
- 1871. Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., LL.D.

STATED CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1871.

- 1861. Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

PERMANENT CLERKS FROM 1861 TO 1871.

- 1861. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.
- 1865. Rev. William Brown, D. D.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly. If they have no printed blanks, let the reports be made after the form on the opposite page. Blanks can always be obtained on application to the Executive Committee of Publication.

2. To make their Reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of figures.

3. To make them as accurate and full as possible. If, in any instance, churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their number of communicants should be inserted from their last report.

4. To report *no cents* in the money columns.

5. To *add up* each column of figures with care. Many still neglect this, and thus oblige the Clerk of the Assembly to do what they should do themselves.

6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the *number* of licenses, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organisation of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.

7. To transmit their reports to the Stated Clerk, either at the meeting of the Assembly, or at Columbia, S. C., *not later than the 20th day of May*.

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TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an Annual Report, stating the number of Presbyteries, Ministers, Churches, Licentiates, and Candidates, within their bounds; and particularly all changes which have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. It is also their duty to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly a notice of the time and place of meetings of their respective Synods.

FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of _____ Ministers, and have under their care Churches,
 Licentiates, and report to the General Assembly that they consist of
 Candidates, viz.:

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants Baptized.				Funds Collected.							
			No. of Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.				Sustentation.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Education.	Publication.	Disabled Min. & Widows & Or. of Dec'd Ministers.	Pastors' Salaries.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
			Added on Examination.											
			Added on Certificate.											
			Total of Com- municants.											
			Adults.											
			Infants.											
A— B—, P, &c.														
Licentiates—3. D— E—, &c. Candidates—5.														
10.														

*Follow the above with a statement of licenses, ordinations, installations, pastoral relations dissolved, churches organized or dissolved, or received or dis-
 missed to other denominations, and ministers received from or dismissed to other denominations, or removed by death, since last Report.*

Dated, _____, Stated Clerk.
 Give the names of licentiates, but only the number of candidates, without name. It is earnestly requested that the above order of columns may be strictly followed, and that the columns may all be carefully added up. To ministers who are pastors, annex P.; to stated supplies, S. S.; to Domestic Missionaries, D. M.; to Foreign Missionaries, F. M.; to Presidents of Colleges, Pres.; to Professors in Colleges or Theological Seminaries, Prof.; To congregations which have pastors, annex P.; to those which have stated supplies, S. S.; and to those which are vacant, V. Presbyterial assessments are to be reported in the Miscel-
 laneous column.

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OF

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

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 Alexander, J. H., Bainbridge, Ga., 89.
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 Baker, R. M., LaFayette, Ga., 86.
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